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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2964

HB 2964 would unlock vital land so faith communities (and other non-profits) can rise to the occasion of our housing crisis and build housing for our neighbors who are desperate for a place to call home. Housing supply is the linchpin of our housing crisis. Our faith communities have land right in the heart of our communities and want to serve our houseless neighbors in need.

Our faith communities are land rich and cash poor. Again and again we have seen faith communities hit a wall because they just can't cobble together the funds to push through the pre-development phase of the project (which includes necessary steps, such as feasibility studies and community engagement). Grace Memorial Episcopal Church in NE Portland is ready and willing but lacks the funds to support affordable housing on their property. Please support HB 2964. Blessings, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Klein