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As someone engaged in the real estate lending industry for the better part of a 37-year career, as well as an active participant in an industry non-profit trade association and lifelong Oregonian, it's time to put people and housing first.

For too many years, housing production for those wishing to experience the American dream of homeownership has been stymied by a burdensome regulatory environment and the agenda of a vocal minority.

In 2024, the Oregon Legislature and sitting Governor took action to right some of the historic wrongs that permeate jurisdictions including those at various city and county levels. From a regional perspective, the combination of a lack of will to expand urban growth boundaries and pandering to activists representing a small percentage of the population has contributed to the housing crisis Oregon is now mired in.

Builders want to build and the state government and people have spoken. HB 4035 is an added tool that will pave the way for increased production in both the public and private sector with the latter being the best equipped to sensibly provide housing and that which is affordable. It's time to commit to fixing the problem. That is why HB 4035 has my full support.

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