

Dear Senator Fagan and other Committee Members:

I am writing in support of SB10 plan to allow more homes near frequent transit.

I live in Portland and have three kids who aren't school aged yet. Given what we know now about climate change and the effects of gas engine pollution on developing children, giving more people the chance to live car-free is the least we can do. Transportation is 40% of our emissions in Portland. Allowing someone the opportunity to move from [Gresham](#) to Downtown Portland reduces their transportation-related carbon emissions fivefold.

Right now we have a big investment in transit in Portland that is underutilized because much of the surrounding land is limited to single family housing. Increasing the use of transit is easiest when people can live in walking distance to the stations.

Trapping a family in an auto-dependent environment adds thousands of dollars in required car-related expenses to their budgets. Even dense, multifamily subsidized housing is doing low-income no favors if they then have to also buy and maintain a car.

I worry about displacement of vulnerable residents. The best way to do that is to fund subsidized housing and pass anti-displacement measures like just-cause eviction and rent stabilization. To continue to ban the most affordable housing types in high opportunity areas will not increase housing affordability.

SB10 on its own won't fix the housing crisis, but it a necessary part of the solution.

Thank you for your time

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