

Dear Senate Committee on Housing,

I strongly support Senator Courtney's Senate Bill 10 and urge you to as well. This bill would go a long way toward addressing Oregon's housing crisis. It would also help reduce the environmentally and socially destructive impact of sprawl, traffic congestion, and air pollution, including carbon emissions.

Please amend the bill to require cities to build pedestrian overpasses wherever a freeway separates a frequent transit stop from a newly upzoned residential area. The upzoning will be most beneficial if the new residents of those areas can easily walk to the transit stops.

Please also extend the bill to apply to unincorporated areas within any Urban Growth Boundary.

Finally, please raise the minimum zoned densities even further for the eight Regional Centers within the Oregon Metro area, to the extent that doing so won't stop the bill from passing. It would be great if you could double them.

Best wishes,
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