Dear Committee Members,

Hello! I an Oregon voter, writing today to express my full SUPPORT for HB 2001.

This bill allows for the incremental change that is fundamental to the long term evolution of all durable human settlements. The bill will not ruin neighborhoods. It will help alleviate a growing housing crisis that threatens to lay ruin to our economy in the long run.

I am a resident of a neighborhood, Eastmoreland in Portland, that is currently single-family zoned. I know you are hearing strong opposition from neighborhood associations like the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association. But please rest assured that there are many, many homeowners like me in Eastmoreland, and similarly zoned neighborhoods, who are comfortable with incremental growth.

Some argue that this bill will "mandate density" without requisite funding and plans for infrastructure like roads, sewer and schools. This is a specious argument. The bill does not mandate density. It allows growth to happen incrementally everywhere. Single family zoning artificially concentrates growth in other areas, including undeveloped greenfields, where new infrastructure is expensive and often funded through risky, speculative municipal debt. HB2001 will actually reduce the risk of unsustainable investments in local infrastructure, by spreading growth more equitably across existing communities.

The bill also does not take away all local control. Plenty of local control and regulation will still be possible. Development will still be regulated so that growth happens incrementally. The purpose of the bill is simply to end the most exclusionary and restrictive of local controls that jeopardize Oregon's long-term sustainability.

I hope you will support HB2001. And thanks for leading!

Sincerely,

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