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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee:

I am writing to encourage you to support HB2001.

Oregon's current zoning laws are harming the state every day. Re-legalizing duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes will shift market-rate construction to middle housing that's affordable to the middle class from day one. Making more housing types legal will also make it easier for affordable housing developers to build units.

Single-detached-only zoning laws have roots in racial and class exclusion. It is time to reverse those harmful bans and make our cities more inclusive.

A statewide solution is needed for these issues, rather than a series of piecemeal city-by-city actions.

**I am a homeowner in Northeast Portland, and I would gladly say "yes in my backyard" to these types of projects.**

I know too many people who have good jobs and yet still they spend an outsize portion of their monthly income on rent.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for your time in service to all of Oregon's residents.

Sincerely,

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