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To: [Sen Manning](#); [Rep Gomberg](#); [JWMTR Exhibits](#)
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Dear Senators Manning and Gomberg and Joint Ways and Means Committee Members:

Better Housing Together is working at the local level to increase housing affordability, diversity and supply in Lane County. We are now a network of nearly 50 local organizations and businesses who have agreed to work collaboratively to address the housing crisis. The complex challenge we face requires such cross-sector collaboration and all of our best efforts.

We can say without reservation that the status quo is failing Lane County, and that the majority of residents need our elected leaders at all levels to take serious, productive steps toward addressing the local housing crisis. We will have to do much more work together to accomplish meaningful outcomes--*but we all have to do our part.*

We support HB 2001 and the creation of more sustainable, diverse, affordable housing options in every Oregon community.

In Lane County, local elected officials have received numerous reports and public process summaries that indicate immediate need and broad public support for increased housing diversity. In the City of Eugene's most recent public engagement campaign, [the Housing Tools & Strategies process](#), there was near unanimous support for exactly the types of outcomes that HB 2001 enables. This is what happens when a more diverse cross-section of stakeholders are engaged.

When we bring more voices to the table, the feedback is overwhelming supportive of increased housing diversity in existing neighborhoods, and people are deeply hopeful that leadership will take steps to expand opportunities for neighbors right here in our community. HB 2001 helps to do that.

The outcomes sought by HB 2001 also help address homelessness, school readiness, hunger, sustainability and social justice, among others. These are issues we have repeatedly said we care deeply about. So HB 2001 is an opportunity to demonstrate that concern with clear action.

HB 2001 is the path to increased affordability, equity, and energy-efficient housing. We need to work toward these outcome at the state *and* local levels. We can continue our work in local community, but we need the State to help illuminate the path. To see the changes needed in our communities, *we have to make changes.* Thank you for your support of HB 2001.

Kind regards,
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