## Legislators,

I strongly support HB 2001 and the need to create more sustainable, affordable housing options in every Oregon community. The status quo is failing us.

In Lane County, our larger community goals require new approaches to housing. We MUST make changes to better support our community's needs. The public process and technical reports that our City Councils have commissioned CLEARLY point to overwhelming public support and need for more diverse housing options. HB 2001 can help address homelessness, school readiness, hunger, sustainability and social justice, among others. These are issues we have repeatedly said we care deeply about, and HB 2001 would help.

You are likely hearing lots of push-back from those who don't recognize that their neighborhoods were mostly created out of farmland and forestry lands, which is no longer feasible, and are the results of zoning policies developed more than 50 years ago. The world has changed since then and we need to create update public policies that ENCOURAGE sensitive, walkable infill housing in our Oregon communities in order to keep up with our changing demographics!

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. Please demonstrate your forward-thinking leadership and thank you for your support of HB 2001.

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