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To: [Sen Taylor: JWMTR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please support HB 2001--A path to healthy, affordable housing for all Portland families
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Dear Senator Taylor,
Please support HB2001, house bill to re-legalize duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes in single family zones.

I currently live in SE Portland (2618 SE 41st Ave, 97202), work as a new primary care clinician (Physician Assistant) at a federally qualified health clinic (FQHC) in Portland's Old Town, providing healthcare to people struggling with houselessness in our region. I am hoping to set down roots in Portland--I love my job and grew up in Eugene, Drain, Salem and Portland (an Oregon Native!). I am committed to contributing to our collective health and wellness in Portland and like so many others I am worried about access to housing. My decision to stay in Portland is predicated on the ability to effectively use healthy, timely and affordable forms of transit to work (bike, mass transit, etc.) and easily be able to access the wonderful resources our city has to offer.

However, my current housing in South East Portland is outside of my budget. In-fact, my research shows that the majority of SE is quickly outpacing my budget. As a young person, I face a large student debt burden and a lack of affordable housing. I hope to transition, in the near future, to becoming a first-time home buyer but I am feeling "priced-out" of SE Portland (and PDX more generally). I'm preparing for the day where I may need to transition to more affordable places in our state (for now, I cannot imagine leaving Oregon).

And I have it comparatively easy. As a single, young person, with a relatively high paying job, it's really scary to imagine what the majority of Oregon families endure.

How much time and energy do our middle and low-income Portland families burn worrying about housing---time and energy that could be spent on things like education or entrepreneurship?

Promoting density and filling in "the missing middle", allows for community and neighborhood focused decision making--it allows communities to decide how to address the state-wide housing crisis. Passage of HB 2001, re-legalizing duplexes in single family zones, will support and encourage vibrant, healthy, diverse neighborhoods and allow families to hopefully focus less on "will I make rent this month".

Thank you much for your consideration and please support this family and community focused bill, HB 2001, a means for providing more affordable housing.

Sincerely,
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- **Oregon's current zoning laws are harming the state every day.** Re-legalizing duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes will shift market-rate construction in low-density areas away from luxury McMansions and toward middle housing that's affordable to the

middle class from day one.

- **Legalizing missing-middle makes every dollar of funding for below-market housing go further.** That's why it's backed by nonprofit developers like Habitat for Humanity, PCRI and Hacienda CDC.
- **Legalizing middle housing makes it far easier for Oregonians to voluntarily cut their carbon emissions.** It's a perfect complement to statewide carbon pricing.