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To: [JWMTR Exhibits](#); [Sen Courtney](#)
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Dear members of the Joint Ways & Means Committee and Senator Courtney,

I am Will White, a resident of Wasco County. Before moving to the Gorge, I served as director of Portland's Housing Bureau for five years and before that, Executive Director of the Housing Development Center for ten years. I then served as housing adviser to Senator Merkley for five years.

Now that I live in rural Oregon, I have been able to add a deeper understanding of housing issues in Oregon's small towns to what I knew after working on affordable housing in Portland and Washington DC for 20 years.

I write to urge the passage of HB 2001A, which will support the development of "missing middle" housing (e.g. duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes) in Oregon's single family residential zones. This will be a huge step toward responding to the housing affordability crisis that is affecting urban and rural communities across our state.

From my decades spent developing and funding affordable housing, I can assure you that these developments are extremely complex from a financial, social, and political perspective. For this reason, it is critical that amendments that do not respond to the complexity of housing development not be allowed to weaken the impact of HB 2001A.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,
-William L. White
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