

Greetings, Chair Fahey and Committee Members,

My name is Jake Antles and I live in the Cully Neighborhood of Portland. I am a member of Salt & Light Lutheran and also participate in the Leaven Community Land and Housing Coalition, a coalition of faith communities in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington County, leveraging our land and resources so that all Oregonians can come home.

My neighborhood is incredibly diverse, across race, income and housing types. We have mobile home parks, apartments, single homes and townhomes. Our neighborhood is gentrifying and neighbors are getting displaced. SB 8 provides additional tools for our community's non-profits and churches to provide long-term, stable, affordable and supportive housing. Development takes a long time to occur, and we are in a crisis today. Please enact this bill this session to maximize the impact our faith communities can leverage in the decades to come. We have land, love, and a drive to develop a grand beloved community.

Your action is crucial. Please approve the SB8 so that faith communities across the state of Oregon can build affordable housing on our land with as few barriers as possible.

Our neighbors need your help, creativity and support in leveraging every option and financing stream to begin solving the crisis of housing instability and homelessness in our city and county.

Respectfully
Jake Antles