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Dear Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Campos and Morgan,
and Members of the Committee:

I am Alex Salazar, Principal of Salazar Architect. We are 18-person office specialized in the design of affordable housing, working with non-profit, public and for-profit developers in Oregon. I want to express our strong support for HB 3335, which creates the “ADU Community Pilot Programs” affordable small home Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) demonstration project. My architecture practice is one of the firms providing services to this Pilot Program. We believe strongly in the Pilot Program's ability to create equitable, cost-efficient, new affordable rental homes *and* to help stabilize modest income homeowners in communities across the state.

ADUs provide an opportunity for affordable rental housing. However, this new housing stock is often not built as affordable rental housing. This program will remove barriers to *affordable* ADU development by leveraging the capacity of community organizations to support homeowners, and by making a modest investment in the affordability of the new unit – a fraction of typical subsidy to build a new multifamily rental unit!

I am also an active member of the American Institute of Architects' (AIA) *Housing and Community Development* knowledge community at the national level, and I can attest to the innovative nature of this Pilot Program. It has already garnered national attention by being showcased in 2019 as an educational seminar for community development professionals around the country. This ADU Pilot Program is indeed an opportunity for Oregon to address local affordable housing needs across the state, while also leading the way nationally.

This ADU Pilot Program is a smart, innovative investment to increase the supply of desperately needed affordable housing while improving homeowner stability. We encourage and appreciate your support for HB 3335.

Thank you,



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