

Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee:

I'm one of the pastors at First Presbyterian Church in Bend, OR, the founder of Pandemic Partners, and a member of the Bend Neighborhood Leadership Alliance. I am speaking as an individual and not on behalf of any one organization, but want to offer my strong support for HB3318. Our community is experiencing a housing crisis of epic proportions and we need all the help we can get to encourage responsible development of affordable middle housing and livable neighborhoods. The expansion of the UGB for this purpose is one way of making an impact on our housing market - so that people who invest in Bend, work in Bend, and love Bend can actually afford to live here and find safe, stable housing.

Thank you for your consideration and I urge your approval today!

Rev. Morgan Schmidt