



TO: Oregon Legislature
House Committee on Housing

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RE: HB 2336

In the City of Medford, and throughout this state, our communities are aging. Unfortunately, our housing inventory has not adjusted to this reality and we are facing a severe shortage of housing that can accommodate older households and those with disabilities. HB 2336 won't compel homebuilders to address this issue directly, but it will provide a universal standard for "visitability" that will provide certainty for developers who do construct visitable units and enable communities, like Medford, to develop incentive programs that could support those efforts.

We urge your support of HB 2336.