

Dear Senators:

I oppose SB458. Developers, 1000 Friends of Oregon, and some housing advocates are leading the Legislature down the primrose path. Their ultimate goal is the removal of all single family zoning for lot size. In 2019, they succeeded in mandating cities to allow middle housing and to recognize underlying lot lines. This session, they want to mandate the division of lots to accommodate that middle housing. They will be back in two years to remove minimum lot sizes. And they will ask for an increase the number of allowable middle housing units. Well, none of these will increase affordability or home ownership. They will only result in displacement and the demolition of naturally occurring affordable housing.

There is already a mechanism for facilitate home ownership with condominiums. Make the process easier and cheaper for housing that is affordable.

Further, HB458, runs against the long standing and legally mandated requirements for local decision making in land use zoning.

Please, do not advance SB458

Sincerely,
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