



Everyone deserves a place to call home.

February 25, 2021

Senate Committee on Energy & Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE, H-490
Salem, OR 97301

Testimony RE: SB 582

Dear Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of REACH Community Development, a non-profit that has created and sustained over 2,500 affordable rental homes in the Portland metro region. REACH's Advocacy Committee is composed of community volunteers including residents who make their home at REACH communities. Members of the committee tracked the work of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Recycling Steering Committee and after deliberation, the **REACH Advocacy committee recently endorsed SB 582.**

For REACH, sustainability is one of our core values and we strive to design, build and manage multifamily communities in ways that promotes a more sustainable world. Housing affordability, public transit access, energy efficiency, water conservation and recycling are all central to this approach. A REACH resident and member of the advocacy committee first recommended endorsing this bill and the committee concurred that significant reform to recycling systems is needed to assure public awareness of what is truly recyclable and also to allow our residents to better sort recyclable material and ultimately help improve efficiency and reduce the cost of recycling systems. This bill will contribute positively to both environmental and financial sustainability.

Thank you for your deliberation on this important proposal and for considering our collective voice of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Valliere", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Valliere
CEO, REACH Community Development