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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3032

Madame Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for your service to the state of Oregon. I am writing in support of HB 3032.

I am the daughter of the real estate developer Larry Epping, and a trustee of the Larry and Jeanette Epping Family Foundation. I worked alongside my father over the last 30 years developing affordable residential housing in Salem and the mid-Willamette Valley. And now through the Epping Family Foundation we support non-profit organizations that help to house families in need.

The current housing shortage is extreme. The cost of building new affordable units is now so prohibitively high that we can not economically build our way out of this problem. New and creative approaches are needed, and I believe Home Share Oregon is one of those creative approaches that can significantly move the needle on housing insecurity, but legislative solutions are needed to facilitate this kind of big thinking. House bill 3032 is one of these legislative solutions; I encourage you to support it.

Sincerely submitted by Shawn Epping Engelberg