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On Behalf Of: Self  
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness  
Measure: HB2981

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Chair Dexter and committee members,

I am writing to share a concern about HB 2981, which is scheduled for today's Housing and Homelessness Committee hearing.

HB 2981 and the -1 amendment fails to address the needs of those at the lowest rung of the housing continuum ladder. The bill defines "moderate income housing" for households between 60 and 120 percent of the area median income. That does, however, exclude the opportunity to build for those who can least afford it; for those who would struggle to pay \$600 to \$800 per month rent. Seniors, veterans and those emerging from homelessness come to mind.

That's a problem. Why would you have to make \$50,000/year to qualify for the benefits of modular development, when the ones who would benefit the most are poor people?

A simple amendment will make this good bill much better. I ask that the bill be expanded to households greater than 30 percent of the area median income, instead of the current 60 percent.

I would be happy to discuss this further and have more thoughts to share if you so desire.

Best regards,

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