



March 6, 2023

Representative Maxine Dexter
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, H-283
Salem, OR 97301

Re: House Bill 2761

Dear Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Housing Alliance urges your support of House Bill 2761, which creates greater flexibility for Oregon Housing and Community Services to fund affordable homes within mixed-income developments.

HB 2761 will allow developers across the state to include regulated affordable units within a wider range of developments, including projects that may have been exclusively market-rate under the restrictions of current state statute. Greater flexibility to access affordable housing funds will enable developers to be responsive to local market conditions, community priorities, and the availability of other funding. It will also support equitable housing goals by facilitating the integration of regulated and market-rate homes in high-opportunity locations, leveraging the revenue from market-rate units to help make affordable units possible.

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of over 100 organizations, which include local jurisdictions, grassroots community groups, tenant advocates, housing authorities, and housing developers and providers from across the state. From these various positions within Oregon's affordable housing landscape, our members have endorsed HB 2761. We call on you to join us in supporting this common-sense measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Herrington".

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