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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

Members of the Committee,

Municipalities are experiencing record income in large part due to systems development charges, and owners and investors are fleeing Oregon in droves for states with fewer restrictions. SB 611 further exacerbates the conflict between the investment/development community and governmental entities. In order to fix our housing crisis, we need to look for opportunities to partner together - not point at each other in blame which is precisely what SB611 does. I strongly encourage a study of Oregon's SDC's and how we rate in that column against those states with housing for a higher percentage of residents. You will find that we're not approaching this problem with acknowledgement of the correct issue at hand...the cost of doing business in Oregon is simply too high, and savvy developers are deploying their capital elsewhere. We need more supply of housing, SB611 will accomplish precisely the opposite outcome.

Thank you for your consideration, please take SB611 off the table.