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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3569

I support HB 3569.

It is simply not easy to build housing in Oregon, no matter how great the need is. There are significant regulatory requirements for homebuilding that deter new housing projects by adding delays and tacking additional costs onto the price of housing, making homes less affordable for middle-and-low-income families. A permit to install canal piping took 90 days to deem incomplete pushing the project 1 year beyond the next irrigation season. Projects are frequently challenged or appealed by neighborhood groups, and builders must shoulder the costs of litigation defend their projects in court. One project had construction documents submitted and was issued a notice to proceed 10 months later after being involved in the rewriting of conflicting sections of development code through a lengthy legal and public process. I support HB 3569 because it makes clear that Oregonians have a right to an adequate supply of affordable housing in residential zones, and protects residential applications from arbitrary process, expensive design criteria, and risk of appeal. Needed housing should be allowed outright in residential zones when health and safety standards are met. If we want to drastically increase the amount of affordable housing, we need to limit the amount of arbitrary costs imposed on housing and allow a simplified product to come to market.

Please vote yes on HB 3569 to protect housing from arbitrary litigation, overly burdensome regulations, and harmful NIMBYism.