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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3414

Chair Dexter and members of the committee,

We are writing to express our support for HB 3414.

When the times comes, we would like for our children to have the same opportunity for home ownership that we are fortunate to enjoy. We cannot imagine the challenges that homebuyers now face, compounded by the woefully inadequate number of homes being built each year.

Governor Kotek has set an important goal of producing 36,000 units a year. We are optimistic that this goal can be achieved, unfortunately Oregon's current planning and permitting system will not allow us to reach this level of production without significant changes.

If we want to see a meaningful increase in production, we need to increase enforcement and oversight at the local level to create more housing, faster. We also need to grant relief from the certain planning requirements to allow more projects of different types and price points to be built. Oregon must move with urgency to break the status quo and remove bureaucratic roadblocks.

We support HB 3414 because it will help remove barriers to housing development, streamline planning and permitting, and, most importantly, hold local jurisdictions accountable for meeting the housing needs of their communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments today and strongly urge your support of HB 3414.

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