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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

Oregonians need you to take bold action to solve our housing crisis this Session. SB 1537 is a step in the right direction to increase housing production and bring down the costs of housing for Oregonians. Please vote YES on SB 1537 to make meaningful change in the lives of Oregonians this Session.

In order to solve our housing crisis, we need to nearly double the current rate of housing production. Our current planning and permitting system will not allow us to reach those numbers because there are too many regulatory and financial barriers. SB 1537 in intended to alleviate many of those barriers by granting us adjustments from certain design standards, increasing our land supply to build affordable housing, and requiring accountability at the local level. For these reasons, I strongly encourage you to support SB 1537 this session.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments today.