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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

I am a homeowner, landlord, and real estate agent. I have also been actively involved with trying to end the homeless situation in our town. I urge you to vote YES on SB 1537 because in order to house all Oregonians, we must increase the levels of housing production in our communities. We need you to take action to solve our housing crisis, and I believe that a YES on SB 1537 is a move in the right direction. In order to increase the housing in our community which is landlocked by BLM lands, we need to be able to change the current planning and permitting system we have and alleviate many of the barriers to affordable housing by allowing us to make adjustments to certain design standards, increase the land supply by adjusting zoning and opening our Urban Growth Boundaries, all of which are allowed in SB 1537. Expanding the UGB is the most important part of SB 1537, we can't have affordable housing, unless we open more land and enable zoning which allows for more dense populations. Our lack of housing has reached crisis proportions, and I STRONGLY urge you to support SB 1537 NOW. Please do not kick the can down the road, Oregonians deserve Senators who will make the tough decisions, even in short years. Please vote YES on SB 1537.

Thank you,

Kristina M Jones Dodd, Grants Pass, Oregon.