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To whom it may concern,

As a small Portland builder trying to create affordable homes, I encourage you to SUPPORT SB 1537. Development is not a bad word, when done well, and must be a part of ensuring the American dream of safe, attainable housing for as many as possible.

Oregonians need bold action to solve our housing crisis this Session. Continuing along the path we are on will only reinforce inequities in our system and make our housing backlog worse. We must reframe our system with urgency and a bold approach to meeting housing needs. SB 1537 would do just that and proposes one of the strongest requirements for affordable housing production in the United States. The bill seeks to eliminate many of the barriers homebuilders face every day and provide oversight to make sure that our housing laws are being followed at the local level. These are all important changes that will help Oregon overcome its housing crisis.

Thanks for taking action at a time when it is critical. There will always be naysayers and self-interested impediments to change, but we must not cater to them. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support SB 1537 this Session.

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