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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

Dear Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

Please accept this letter as testimony for support for the Governor's Housing Bill - SB1537. This bill offers improved entitlement processes, reduction in building permit timelines and allows for much needed land supply in cities that are in need of a limited UGB expansion while ensuring that 30% of the homes built will be affordable. According to the HB 2001 Oregon Housing Needs Analysis, it is estimated that 584,000 homes will be needed in the next 20 years to meet the housing demand. Streamlining UGB expansions will help fight this land and housing deficiency before it becomes a larger issue and we end up even farther behind than we already are. There is more time being spent working through these regulatory processes than there is time being spent on actual home building, and this is not how we successfully meet the need head on. Vote YES on SB1537, and be a part of the solution.