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Greetings all.

I am a parent of two young adults who have grown up in rural coastal Oregon, my oldest has Down syndrome. I've been thinking, for over 12 years about where my older son will live. Please pass this simple SB444 that has no budget impact but holds huge potential for impact and improvement for those that too often get denied, overlooked, missed, omitted, disregarded, and forgotten when housing options arise.

I have been so concerned about this lack of housing opportunity that I have been inspired to help organize the build of 10 accessible affordable units, coastal local, that will be accessible by using the easy seven principles of universal design which promotes housing options for many types of homeowners. To my surprise in this process, I've learned someone with an intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD) who has historically been at a disadvantage to receive, or participate in housing options, will still remain at the bottom of all housing lists.

Please vote yes on SB444, this desperately needed Act, that promotes housing improvements adding more opportunity for those that need good affordable accessible housing.