



We build strength, stability, self-reliance *and* shelter.

Feb. 9, 2025

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

RE: Support for Senate Bill 967

Dear Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Shannon Vilhauer and I am the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Oregon. Habitat for Humanity has long worked to provide families with the opportunity build intergenerational wealth by owning a key asset: their home. Habitat for Humanity also provides low-income homeowners with critical home improvements in Oregon communities of all sizes. Building household stability and prosperity in diverse communities across Oregon is at the heart of our mission, programs and actions.

On behalf of our organization and the 23 local Habitat for Humanity affiliates we serve, we urge you to support Senate Bill 967. This bill will allow local governments to establish local improvement districts (LIDs) for unincorporated areas within a city's urban growth boundary.

Many of us envision an Oregon where we are all proud of the stable, flourishing communities we have built together, with urban, suburban and rural cities that include homes of varying sizes, configurations and costs. Thank you for working to bring us closer to this vision.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon M. Vilhauer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shannon M. Vilhauer, Executive Director