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Chair Hayden and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 59, which prohibits homeowners associations from restricting or prohibiting the use of a lot for gardening, keeping hens, or beekeeping. As we face rising food costs and supply chain disruptions, this bill offers a practical solution to reduce dependence on grocery stores and lower overall food expenses. This is especially important in a time when food prices are rising, and many people are struggling to make ends meet. Having access to homegrown produce and fresh eggs provides an immediate financial benefit while contributing to a more resilient and self-sustaining community.

This bill also redirects oversight to City Council members, who are elected to represent the needs of their residents and already have established processes to consider appropriate restrictions that benefit the greater community.

I strongly support the passage of Senate Bill 59 to ensure that Oregon families have the freedom and flexibility to make choices that positively impact their health, their wallets, and the environment.

Sincerely,

Lacey Beaty
Mayor of Beaverton