

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Thom, Nguyen, and I am here today to express my strong support for the proposed measure to secure funding for land acquisition and development of affordable and mixed-use housing in North and Northeast Portland.

Oregon is in the midst of a housing crisis, and its impact is most severe on underserved communities, particularly in North and Northeast Portland. Families who have lived in these neighborhoods for generations are being priced out, and too many residents are at risk of homelessness or displacement due to the rising cost of housing. This measure represents a critical step toward reversing that trend by providing 644 new affordable housing units.

This initiative is not just about housing—it's about stability, economic mobility, and community well-being. The proposed mixed-use housing model integrates residential units with community services and commercial spaces, ensuring that residents have access to the resources they need to thrive. We have seen this approach succeed through SEI's previous projects, such as Alberta Alive, which have provided safe and stable housing for families and veterans. However, these efforts must be scaled up to meet the growing demand.

By supporting this measure, the state will take a meaningful step toward meeting the Governor's goal of producing 36,000 housing units per year. More importantly, it will give North and Northeast Portland residents a fair chance at staying in their communities, accessing essential services, and building a better future.

I urge you to support this measure and help ensure that our communities remain places where all Oregonians can afford to live and thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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