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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3031

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members,

I am writing today to ask you to support HB 3031.

Despite the fact that nearly every city in Oregon has land the community has already decided is good for housing, more homes have not been built there because there isn't sufficient funding for extensions or upgrades of water and sewer lines, local roads, and sidewalks.

Decades ago, this infrastructure was commonly funded by federal, state, and local funding sources, but those have significantly dwindled. This long-term underinvestment has negatively affected the ability to build the housing Oregonians need.

Housing advocates, builders, cities, and community organizations all agree that investing in these lands is one of the most important steps the state can take now to unlock parcels within our cities to quickly produce the housing we need, where we need it to be, including places located closer to schools, parks, and stores.

With this urgent need in mind, I hope you will quickly pass HB 3031.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

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