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Chair Marsh, Representatives,

Housing continues to be a critical issue for Oregonians. It is affecting the economy, the environment, and at a personal level, it's tough to see friends, families and coworkers move away. Just as one example, a friend who used to live a few blocks from me here in Bend finally bought a house - in Prineville. Prineville is a lovely city and the oldest in central Oregon, but my friend still works here in Bend, meaning a long commute and at times a dangerous one when it's snowy and icy out. In terms of the environment, all that commuting is responsible for a significant amount of CO2 emissions and some wear and tear on the roads.

Part of solving this problem is basic infrastructure like sewer lines that this bill would help with adding the homes that our cities need.

Thank you