

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and members of the Committee on Housing & Homelessness:

I urge you to pass HB3031, which can be an effective tool in the effort to create sufficient housing for Oregon's growing population.

Here in Central Oregon, we are seeing up close what happens when the housing supply fails to keep pace with the number and resources of those seeking places to live. In many cases, builders would be willing and able to do the job if only there was infrastructure in place for the homes needed. We don't lack buildable land inside our cities and towns, but we are very far behind on providing the roads, sewers, and other improvements that are needed.

I realize that funding is tight, but funding urban infrastructure will pay off in efficient development that is both more affordable and more convenient for families. In the long run, the benefits will be broad based.

Please do pass HB 3031.

Sincerely,

Eva Eagle