

Senate Bill 878

February 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Testimony in support of SB 878

Good afternoon, Madam Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson and Committee Members:

My name is Tami Beaty. I am testifying today on behalf of my family. My husband and I live on a 5-acre farm in Clackamas County. We have two young adult children. I am the only child of wonderful, independent, baby boomer era parents.

I have previously testified in support of SB 438 today. So, you know why I am here and have heard the roadblocks we have encountered related to being able to provide a home on our land for my parents.

I have been the DEI committee chair in my hometown until it was disbanded by the city council recently. Oregon is a sanctuary state for those seeking to find a new life in America. This has caused some growing pains in our state. Especially related to the current housing crisis. I have seen first-hand how the state is prioritizing our homeless population's needs regarding the current housing crisis. This is GREAT they are getting much needed help. However, this housing crisis is not only affecting our homeless but also affecting all the rest of us, our young adults, young families, and our seniors.

Many of the written testimonies that have been submitted to you in opposition to this bill seem to say we should all live in urban growth boundaries. The facts are, we cannot all do that. We need good building options for those of us living outside urban growth boundaries.

There are hundreds of people just like my family who need this bill.

Please be our voice...please vote in support of this bill.

Thank you for your time. Have a wonderful week.