

**Senate Bill 438**

February 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Testimony in support of SB 438

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

My name is Tami Beaty. I am testifying today to encourage you to support SB 438 on behalf of my family. My husband and I live on a 5-acre farm in Clackamas County. I am the only child of wonderful, independent, baby boomer era parents. My parents have been looking to buy a home near our property for years. It is awfully expensive to live here, and they have not been able to find a home to purchase. As my parents get older (80 this year), I will be the one caring for them when they need me in the years to come. We are a close family. We all want to live near each other yet allow for my parents' independence as well. This has not been a reality for us due to the current building laws in Oregon.

A few options we have considered are as follows:

1. Building onto our home. This does not give my parents or our family privacy or independence. And we do not have the space around our home to build on.
2. Getting a hardship permit. Our home sits on a flag lot and our driveway does not have the clearance to be able to deliver and site a manufactured home.
3. Building an ADU on our property. We cannot build a ADU due to the required building distance from our current home.

It seems that our state legislature has been deaf to the needs of the thousands of us living outside the urban growth boundary. There are many people like my parents who need this bill.

**Please be our voice...and support this bill for my family.**

Thank you for your time. Have a wonderful week.