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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB49

Hello Chair Pham and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 49-1 to boost the production of housing in Oregon. Oregon is facing a crisis of housing affordability and homelessness driven by an acute shortage of housing. I live in Portland where the situation is dire. It took me months of searching to find the apartment I live in now. Many of my friends have been displaced away from the walkable, high-opportunity neighborhoods they loved, to far-flung auto-dependent areas where they are far from jobs and their previous community. It is critical for the future of our state that more housing is built in the high-opportunity neighborhoods that many Oregonians would like to live. I support SB 49-1 as an important step towards this needed housing abundance.

Thank you.