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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB49

Dear Chair Pham and Members of the Senate Housing Committee,

My name is Adam Gaya and I live in the Vernon neighborhood of Portland. I am writing to support the -1 Amendment of Senate Bill 49, the Housing Production Accelerator, which works to reduce regulatory burden to help build more housing across the state. Housing production in the state is plummeting and costs are out of control. The state absolutely needs to take more action, like what is proposed in SB49 and the -1 amendment to address this.

Communities deserve the greater flexibility to use inclusionary zoning that SB 49-1 provides, and need to resource the program to avoid unfunded mandates that could shut down future housing production.

This bill will help people live near jobs that invest in their community, provide greater opportunity for jurisdictions to responsibly pursue Inclusionary Zoning, allow more people to stay in their communities as they age, and make use of vacant lots to help neighborhoods be vibrant.