

Submitter: Heidi Hart

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 Heidi Hart and I live in the Buckman neighborhood of Portland. I join Portland: Neighbors Welcome in supporting 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. 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. My life is greatly enriched because of the many qualities of the wonderful neighborhood I live in. Buckman is 10 minutes away from downtown Portland, is transit-rich, bike and pedestrian friendly, and has a huge number of local businesses that I can easily walk or bike to. Many neighborhoods in inner Portland have these characteristics- but Buckman is unlike most of them in that we have a huge variety of housing, that includes historic duplexes, the sixties motel-style tenplex that I live in, and newer apartment buildings. This variety of housing makes my neighborhood far more accessible to people of a wide range of incomes than many adjacent neighborhoods, and that is one of the greatest things about it. I want more neighbors to be able to have a home like mine all over the city and state, and I believe that Senate Bill 49 will make significant strides toward that. Thank you!

Thank you.