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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB49

Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support for SB 49 – Housing Production Accelerator Bill

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

As a housing developer deeply invested in Oregon’s future, I write today to express my strong support for SB 49. This bill represents a crucial step toward cutting unnecessary red tape and reducing regulatory barriers that slow down housing production and drive up costs.

While some cost factors—such as interest rates and material prices—are beyond our control, regulatory inefficiencies remain a major obstacle to delivering much-needed homes. SB 49, a true “housing production accelerator,” addresses this by streamlining approvals through a model zoning code, expediting permitting, and supporting funded inclusionary zoning measures. By ensuring a more predictable and efficient development process, this bill will help us build both market-rate and below-market affordable homes within urban growth boundaries, where demand is highest.

Oregon’s housing crisis requires bold, pragmatic solutions. SB 49 strikes the right balance by reigning in NIMBY local oversight and eliminating unnecessary delays that stifle development. The result will be increased housing supply, lower costs, and greater affordability for Oregonians.

I urge you to pass SB 49 and take meaningful action to address our state’s housing shortage. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue, and I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Philip Higgins