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Re: Support for HB 3746

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing today on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium, which represents the mayors of 24 cities in the Portland Metro Area—home to more than 1.7 million Oregonians. We urge your support of HB 3746.

As Mayors, we see firsthand the calamitous effects of our state's housing underproduction. Too many of our friends and neighbors struggle to find housing options within their means. We are committed to increasing access to homeownership and believe this bill does just that. By bringing Oregon's statute of limitations for construction defect actions in condominiums and planned communities in line with our Western state peers, we can help incentivize the building of this crucial "missing middle" housing type.

We believe this bill stikes a thoughtful balance between owner consumer protections and developer liability concerns. We also believe that this more affordable housing type is a critical component of reaching Governor Kotek's housing production target of 36,000 units per year- a target we are currently not meeting.

Members of our diverse communities are all too often priced out of the housing market when the options are overwhelmingly single-family detached homes. By doing your part to increase availability of condominiums and planned communities through the reforms captured in HB 3746, the Legislature can help ensure that more of our shared citizens have a place to call home.

Sincerely,

Chair Lacey Beaty, on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium