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Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 3746. This bill would make needed changes to Oregon's Construction defect liability laws to help increase the production of new condominiums. This is important because condos provide an opportunity for homeownership.

I was a member of Governor Kotek's Housing Production Advisory Committee. One of the first recommendations the Codes and Design work group tackled was condominium reform. We had several meetings to discuss what exactly needed to be changed in order to increase the production of condos we see in the State of Oregon. During those meetings, I don't remember there being much opposition to the concepts proposed within HB 3746. It seemed like everyone was in agreement that these changes needed to be made.

As we are still very much in the midst of a housing crisis, we need to be looking at ways to increase all types of housing. HB 3746 is a necessary step if we want to see condos as an option for Oregonians.

Thank you for your time,
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