



Housing is a Human Right

let's make it real

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To: Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

Portland: Neighbors Welcome is a pro-tenant, pro-housing abundance organization. We believe our ability to make Oregon cities thriving and affordable is by making housing a human right.

Oregon's housing crisis needs decisive action and we are excited by the pro-housing programs that Oregon legislators and Governor Kotek have offered this session. We urge you to support and fund the following programs as essential to supporting Oregon cities and communities to provide homes for people at all ages, wages, and stages:

- The **Middle Housing** program (HB2138) expands housing choices across Oregon and encourages affordable and accessible home ownership by legalizing more housing across the state, cutting red tape, and building incentives for affordable and accessible housing statewide.
- The **Mixed Income Housing** program (SB684) catalyzes mixed-income public development and revitalizes stalled affordable housing projects that have been unable to secure sufficient public funding through low-cost loans while still leveraging private investment.
- The **Public Finance Task Force** program (HB2966) studies innovative ways to fund essential infrastructure, stimulate economic activity, and promote homeownership.
- The **Deferred System-Development Charges** program (HB2968) reduces housing construction costs through state-level risk management that reduces financial risk to cities.
- The **Innovative Housing Types** program (HB3145) accelerates housing production through innovative construction techniques that also lower costs.

Thank you for supporting housing abundance across Oregon.

