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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

My name is Jonathan Greenwood and I live in Portland, Oregon. I'm writing in strong support of a set of crucial housing programs that will help address Oregon's housing crisis and ensure that people of all ages, wages, and stages of life can find a home in our communities. I join Portland: Neighbors Welcome in urging you to fund and implement these programs as essential tools in the effort to build a more affordable, inclusive, and sustainable Oregon.

First, I urge you to support the Middle Housing program (HB2138), which expands housing choices across the state by legalizing more diverse housing types and streamlining processes. This program helps make homeownership more accessible and affordable, especially for first-time buyers, working families, and seniors who want to downsize without leaving their neighborhoods.

Second, the Mixed Income Housing program (SB684) would unlock much-needed housing supply by reviving stalled affordable housing developments and encouraging public-private partnerships. This is a smart, efficient way to maximize our public dollars and get housing built faster.

Third, I support the Public Finance Task Force (HB2966) and the Deferred System-Development Charges program (HB2968), both of which offer innovative ways to reduce housing costs and ensure our cities can finance the infrastructure needed to support new homes. These programs reduce financial risk and help cities keep pace with growth while promoting equity.

Finally, the Innovative Housing Types program (HB3145) can drive down construction costs by embracing new, cost-effective building technologies. These are the kinds of forward-thinking policies Oregon needs to meet our housing goals.

Thank you for your leadership and for supporting housing abundance for all Oregonians.