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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3746

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

Our Central Oregon-based coalition, Partners for Affordable Housing, is writing today to express our support for House Bill 3746. Housing costs are hurting families and harming our economic prosperity throughout Central Oregon. Updating policies to allow for the construction of more condominiums will lead to an increase in housing production and affordability.

Partners for Affordable Housing coalition members share a vision that housing will be available and affordable to everyone. We are a diverse coalition of impacted people and organizations developing and educating on bold solutions that increase housing supply and lower housing costs. Supporting solutions like this is a core mission of our organization, and we are grateful to the Legislature for bringing forward bills such as HB 3746.

We specifically support the passage of HB 3746 in order to:

Encourage developers to build more condominiums that will lead to expanded housing types.

Increase homeownership opportunities at a more affordable level than many single-family homes.

Draw down the housing deficit of hundreds of thousands of units.

Improve affordability as there is more supply to meet demand.

Create more density and walkable neighborhoods in our urban centers.

Eliminate barriers to development.

Opening the door for more condominiums and density will benefit our communities with a more sustainable future and more places for all Oregonians to call home.

When families can get in the door to home ownership at the more affordable prices often provided by condos, they can begin to build wealth and transform the trajectory of their lives. Let's pass this bill to help Oregonians thrive!

Thank you, again, for your leadership on this difficult challenge facing us all. We look forward to partnering with you on solutions for the benefit of everyone in our state.