

February 9, 2026

The Honorable Khanh Pham
Senate Committee On Housing and Development
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Senate Bill 1552 – Title Theft Notification

Dear Chai Pham,

I am writing to express my concerns about Senate Bill 1552. While I support efforts to address title theft in Oregon, I believe this bill is a missed opportunity. It only provides notification **after** the theft has occurred and doesn't prevent it from happening.

A particularly troubling aspect of SB 1552 is the lack of an exemption for postal mail notification even when the property owner is personally recording the document. This seems entirely redundant and adds unnecessary cost and complexity without any benefit. The fee associated with this notification system, however small, still acts to increase the cost of housing at a time when affordability is already a significant challenge in Oregon. I worry that this bill was rushed without sufficient consideration of its practical impact.

I urge you to reconsider SB 1552 and prioritize legislation that proactively prevents title theft. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



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