



2921 Saddle Club St SE | #1009 | Salem, OR

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RE: Support for SB1564

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Sandra Hernandez, and I am the Director of Latinos Unidos Siempre (LUS), a youth-led organization dedicated to leadership development, civic engagement, and equity for youth in Oregon. I am writing this letter today in strong support of SB 1564.

For young people in Woodburn, the housing crisis is not abstract—it shapes whether we can stay in our hometowns or are forced to leave as rents rise and families are displaced. SB 1564 offers a different future by bringing a specific site into the city boundaries so housing can be built intentionally and inclusively.

This bill supports **affordable housing for low-income families and market-rate housing**, which together helps keep our families together and our communities intact. The creation of Woodburn's first **agrihood**, with a working farm on site, also provides opportunities for young people to connect with food systems, sustainability, and community health.

SB 1564 is about whether young people can imagine a future in the place where we grew up. We respectfully urge your support.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hernandez

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