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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1564

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

For the record, my name is Matt Bisek, and I am writing to express my strong support for SB 1564.

As someone who works closely with communities across Oregon, I see firsthand how rising housing costs and limited housing availability are affecting working families, educators, nonprofit staff, and essential workers. In communities like Woodburn, where agriculture, food processing, and other vital industries form the backbone of the local economy, many residents want to continue living where they work and contribute — yet are increasingly being priced out.

As Woodburn continues to grow, the shortage of available housing creates real and immediate challenges. Employers struggle to retain workers, families face housing instability, and community cohesion is weakened when people are forced to leave in search of affordable options elsewhere. Delays and uncertainty in housing development only compound these challenges. Housing is not a future need — it is an urgent one.

SB 1564 provides a meaningful opportunity to help address this gap by supporting the development of both affordable and market-rate housing in areas where it is most needed. By making housing development more feasible and predictable, this bill helps ensure that communities like Woodburn can remain inclusive, stable, and economically resilient.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge your support of SB 1564.

Sincerely,
Matt Bisek