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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon

RE: Support for HB 4114

Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Oregonians for Affordable Housing, we write in support of HB 4114.

Oregon continues to face a severe and well-documented housing shortage that affects working families, seniors, young professionals, and essential employees across our state. The lack of available and attainable homes has increased displacement pressure, lengthened commutes, and constrained local economies. Addressing this crisis requires practical, balanced solutions that expand supply while maintaining responsible land-use protections.

HB 4114 represents a thoughtful approach that aligns existing legal frameworks with present-day housing realities. By connecting development opportunity to communities experiencing documented workforce housing shortages, the bill supports increased production where it is most needed. Importantly, it does so while preserving permanent conservation outcomes and maintaining appropriate land-use guardrails.

From a housing policy perspective, HB 4114 advances three critical objectives:

- It promotes additional workforce and attainable housing supply in areas with demonstrated need.
- It strengthens predictability and fairness in Oregon's regulatory system by resolving a long-standing statutory issue.
- It pairs conservation commitments with housing production rather than positioning them in conflict.

Oregon's housing shortage cannot be addressed through opposition alone. It requires forward-looking policy that balances environmental stewardship, community

planning, and the urgent need for homes. HB 4114 contributes constructively to that effort.

We respectfully urge the Committee to advance HB 4114 for continued consideration and refinement.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Dharmat