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Representative Smith Warner,

I encourage you to support HB 2001 to provide middle housing for the middle class in Portland and across Oregon.

Before moving to Portland, My wife and I benefited from middle housing while in graduate school in Michigan. We lived in a triplex on a residential street that let my wife walk to work and let me take the bus to school. Having affordable rent helped us manage graduate school on one income, which was a big help for us.

Now as Portland residents, middle housing would help us purchase our first home. While we can't afford many of the houses in our area that cost over \$400,000 we could save enough to buy a unit in a fourplex for \$270,000. Having a house that we could buy on our combined incomes, would help us feel that the American dream was still attainable for our generation.

HB 2001 provides options to thousands of middle class couple like us, who need cheaper rental and ownership options. I encourage you to support this effort to ensure that the middle class are still able to live in your district and enjoy the parks and farmers markets that make our city great.

Regards,

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