

Hello,

I am writing in support of HB 2001.

As a young renter in Portland, I find that there are limited options in where I can reside in the city. I cannot afford to live in the new large apartments being built, nor do I have the wealth to purchase a single family home. HB 2001 will legalize apartments and missing middle housing such as triplexes and fourplexes that I and my partner would be more able to afford.

This housing problem is not specific to Portland or to young renters, my older brother Chris, an honest and hardworking mill worker in Medford, is stuck in a similar situation where he is constrained by a limited housing market and unable to find affordable housing that would better suit his young family.

HB 2001 would also help older folks be able to build ADU's or "granny flats" on their property and rent out their main house. This would have greatly positive effects for people on fixed income like my grandmother Cricket. HB 2001 is good for people of all incomes and ages.

I fail to see why we currently outlaw ADU's, duplexes, and triplexes in most of our neighborhoods. The only reason I can see why is as an attempt to exclude people who can't afford single family neighborhoods. However, I do not believe my nephew should be blocked access to the good schools and amenities of nice neighborhoods because zoning maps outlaw the types of housing his father can afford. My grandmother Cricket, a retired CNA for veterans, should be able to stay in her neighborhood in a home that better fits her needs. That we currently allow for zoning to be used as a tool to exclude affordable housing and people from decent neighborhoods boggles my mind and is upsetting. We now have an opportunity to address this exclusion.

Please support HB 2001 to legalize missing middle homes and allow for more affordable housing options to be built in our state.

Thank you for your time,
Best,
Brandon Narramore

PS: On the second page, I have attached a photo on the of a charming fourplex (located in the Irvington Neighborhood of Portland) to illustrate how missing middle homes do not destroy neighborhoods but rather they blend in while still allowing 3 more families to have opportunities at the American Dream.

