

To whom it may concern,

Dense neighborhoods are associated with better access to amenities for their residents, better access to jobs, and more vibrant street life. They are also essential in building a sustainable future -walking, cycling and public transportation are not viable in areas without enough people to support strong transit networks and amenities people can walk to.

Finally, some of the most desirable neighborhoods in Oregon have essentially decided to close the door on new residents by banning new homes, which forces newcomers to bid on increasingly scarce dwellings there, and drives up prices.

The least we can do is make it so that building slightly more density is not actively prohibited. This will increase opportunities for people to move where they want to. It will also make our neighborhoods and cities more dynamic and sustainable.

Please consider supporting HB2001.

Best,
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