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Subject: Please Support HB 2001
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My name is Brandon Narramore, I am young renter living in Portland (originally from Medford/White City) and I am writing today to ask for your support of HB 2001.

As a young renter in Portland, I have found that it is a game of luck in finding an affordable home in the city. I cannot afford many of the new apartments that are constructed nor do I have the wealth to purchase a single family home. My partner and I are greatly fortunate that we have found a modest and affordable duplex to rent in Irvington. However finding a decent affordable place to live should not feel like hitting the lottery, it should be the expectation rather than the exception.

This housing problem is not specific to Portland nor to young renters, my older brother Chris, a 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 growing family.

I fail to see why we currently outlaw duplexes and other missing middle housing in many 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.

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,
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