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Dear Joint Ways & Means Committee-

I am writing in strong support of HB 2001. For the last few years, I have watched as friends and neighbors and the families of my stepdaughter's classmates had their lives thrown into turmoil by our housing crisis, and now I feel my own family on the verge of being unable to hang on in the city, even with two full-time incomes. I feel this especially deeply as a trans woman whose physical safety depends upon maintaining a toehold in the city, and as a parent of a 13 year old who will need a stable school and community environment to make it through high school.

I am of course grateful for the Metro housing bond that passed last year, but even that scale of an investment will only make a drop in the bucket of our shortage of affordable housing. Whereas it will cost the state nothing to allow the construction of more smaller units in close-in urban neighborhoods with good access to transit, jobs, libraries, etc. We need to use every tool at hand if Portland is going to maintain any semblance of inclusivity. Allowing fourplexes across the vast swaths of single-family zoning in the state's urban centers will get us closer.

Thanks for listening,

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