



**Testimony in support of HB 2001
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My name is Kerry Naughton and I am the Executive Director of Oregon Abuse Advocates & Survivors in Service (OAASIS). OAASIS is a statewide organization that empowers communities to prevent child sexual abuse and help survivors live full, healthy, joyful lives. Our base is comprised of thousands of Oregonians—people who were sexually abused as children, survivors’ family members and loved ones, and community members who care about the safety, health, and well-being of survivors of child sexual abuse. We are working towards a future where all people experience a loving childhood free of abuse and trauma, and all relationships are based on respect, consent, and equity.

We are pleased to support HB 2001, which would allow duplexes, tri-plexes, quads, and cottage clusters in cities of a certain size. Passage of this bill will increase the diversity of affordable middle housing options in neighborhoods that have long been exclusive.

Oregon’s housing crisis has a particularly serious impact on victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Oregon women face significant rates of housing instability. Women who rent are the most cost-burdened in the state.

High housing cost-burdens make it harder to leave an unsafe situation, and create a greater risk of abuse or homelessness. State and national surveys have identified the need for safe, stable, and affordable housing as the greatest unmet need for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in both rural and urban communities across Oregon. HB 2001 will increase housing opportunities, and thus provide safety and stability for Oregon families.

HB 2001 is also about racial equity and justice. The large amount of residential land in every Oregon city that is devoted to detached, single family housing is economically exclusionary and often the result of a history of racist redlining, financial lending, and zoning practices. It's long past time to change this; all neighborhoods should be welcoming to all Oregonians.

We hope you’ll join us in supporting HB 2001 with the Dash 16 amendments. Thank you for your time and consideration.