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Dear Committee Members,

I live in the Woodlawn neighborhood of NE Portland. Over the years I have lived in other Portland neighborhoods including Buckman, Lloyd District, and Piedmont.

I'm writing to encourage you to support House Bill 2001. Here are some of my thoughts:

-Right-sized housing. As a single person without a spouse or a family, I want more options for me or people like me to purchase appropriately sized homes in the urban core. Single family homes simply don't work for people like me - it's hard to afford one and it's hard to maintain one. And more and more people are single - in 2017, the U.S. census reported 110.6 million unmarried people over the age of 18—that's 45.2 percent of the American adult population—are single. Excluding single people from living in right-sized housing in the neighborhoods of our choice is going to make less and less sense over time.

-Carbon footprint. Smaller homes are more efficient and help cut carbon footprints. Please make it possible for smaller homes to appear throughout Oregon cities by legalizing "missing middle" housing!

-Neighborhood diversity and vibrancy. Have you visited the Buckman neighborhood or the Lloyd neighborhood in Portland lately? These neighborhoods, filled with a mix of housing, really show how vibrant a place can be when a variety of types of family units and people from different backgrounds live together. Bringing back pre-WWII missing middle housing WILL help preserve existing neighborhoods and a greater diversity of people to live in them. This matters because allowing people of different means to live amongst each other creates a more robust, authentic community and civic life by providing for vital civic learning.

-Maximizing how older homes get used. The concerns about old homes being torn down is simply wrong and misplaced. In fact HB2001 will allow for older homes to be converted into duplexes and triplexes and thereby allowing more existing structures to be preserved.

Thank you,

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