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Hello,

I am writing in support of House Bill 2001. Portland is going to grow whether we want it to or not, our only choices are whether we'll manage that growth or let it overrun us.

I just joined a delegation to the Bay Area to study their housing and homelessness problem, and the roots are unquestionable in the area's inability to build new housing.

Portland has done well at adding housing starts, and is one of the few growing cities to see rents grow more slowly than the city itself. This is a massive success for Portland's new and old citizens, but we need more, and it needs to be sustainable.

When I walk my neighborhood around NE Alberta, nearly all of the affordable housing is in the form of small multi-family homes, such as the four-Plex across the street from me. These homes used to be legal to build.

They should be again.

Yes, we should build affordable housing. But the only realistic way of meeting our city's needs for thousands of new homes is to remove the exclusionary restrictions added by our city when redlining was outlawed. We must once again open up the free market, and let people build what they want, where they want.

We cannot let neighbors determine who gets to move into their neighborhood. We cannot let the new, the young, the poor be pushed to the periphery, increasing their travel costs, reducing their quality of life, and keeping them at the proverbial and literal edge of the city.

Roll back these regulations, and let our city grow upward rather than outward.

Thank you,
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