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Senator Manning, Representative Gomberg, and members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development:

I appreciated the opportunity to testify yesterday in support of HB2001A, to allow more housing options for Oregonians.

I regret that I did not use that opportunity to also voice my opposition to amendment -22, proposed by my senator, Kathleen Taylor. While the amendment sounds appealing—all of us agree on the need for more affordable housing—in practice this amendment would vitiate the bill by shutting middle-income families out of the opportunities it offers.

In applying an affordability standard to multifamily homes that is not applied to detached single-family housing, the amendment would undermine HB2001's potential to add middle-income housing, and leave intact the exclusionary rules that shut working families out of our increasingly expensive neighborhoods.

With amendment -22 in place, cities could continue to allow new million-dollar single-family homes, while banning more modest multifamily homes on the same streets. Instead of promoting affordability, it would perpetuate economic exclusion.

This amendment would shut middle-income Oregonians out of needed housing opportunities; shut working families out of walkable, transit-accessible neighborhoods, and undermine HB2001's potential to address our long-term housing shortage.

For those reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject this amendment.

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