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Please SUPPORT SB 1537

Solving our housing crisis this session will be a formidable challenge. And something must give. Our pathway is obstructed with far too many restrictions on land supply. The lack of land for needed housing stands at a consequential point - the haves and the have-nots. There will be a great deal more have-nots when it comes to a roof over somebody's head, and it is high time we take prudent steps to fix it! Too many land use constraints - the barriers that prevent the have-nots from having the OPPORTUNITY to own a home - kind of the AMERICAN dream, right? To resolve the rooftop problem, we must act, or we risk leaving a legacy of no hope for our children, grandchildren and beyond to obtain the most basic of assets - SHELTER.

SB 1537 is a step in the right direction and will address the land constraints for the purpose to immediately increase roof tops over people's heads - what is more beneficial for our society than this? This bill doesn't allow homebuilders carte blanche to do as they please - the Bill is equipped to provide oversight to make sure that our housing laws are being followed at the local level. These are all important changes that will help Oregon overcome its housing crisis.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support SB 1537 this Session.