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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB2889

Members of the legislature,

I have lived in many cities and states across the country, many of them known for having overheated real estate markets, but my direct experience with housing in Oregon has been by far the most challenging.

Despite being relatively fortunate and making decent pay, I am still proportionally burdened by high housing costs. This is true of everyone else I am close to in the state as well.

I think this bill could go a long way in changing that if it is allowed to make changes in policy at the local level. Municipalities have been allowed to block the creation of a housing-rich State for far too long, and it is crucial that this bill provide clear guidelines on when to act and that it allows the state to step in where municipalities are failing to act on its recommendations.

Thank you for your time.