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To: Senate Committee on Rules  
900 Court St NE Room 453  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Support for Stevens Road Housing Proposal - House Bill 3318**

Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today to urgently ask your support for House Bill 3318 that will help to deliver affordable housing and more middle market rate housing to the City of Bend. We are in an affordability crisis. This bill will deliver a guaranteed amount of income limited housing as well as give the City of Bend authority over the planning process for the property. It will deliver this in a timelier manner than the usual UGB expansion process and with more than ample opportunity for public input. This is a unique opportunity to address an urgent need. I am speaking only for myself and not the committees and boards on which I sit. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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