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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB49

Dear Chair Pham and Members of the Senate Housing Committee,

My name is Nate Grein and I live in SE Portland's Buckman neighborhood. I join Portland: Neighbors Welcome in supporting the -1 Amendment of Senate Bill 49, the Housing Production Accelerator, which works to reduce regulatory burden to help build more housing across the state. This bill will help people live near jobs that invest in their community, provide greater opportunity for jurisdictions to responsibly pursue Inclusionary Zoning, allow more people to stay in their communities as they age, and make use of vacant lots to help neighborhoods be vibrant.

As someone who works in affordable housing development, I am passionate about creating communities that serve folks of all ages, abilities, and incomes. Affordable housing cannot be the only solution in working towards equitable communities. We so desperately need policy tools that make it easier for incremental development to occur. I strongly support this bill.

Thank you.