

Dear Chair Marsh, and Vice-Chairs Helm and Brock Smith, and committee members,

My name is Emily Herbert, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB2488-2. As a newer member of NAACP pdx, and an elderly white woman, I am coming to see first hand the suffering of my BIPOC friends from a history of being left out of the benefits of the city from past practices of redlining, pushing affordable housing to the edges of industrial development, and lack of services and care from the larger community. HB2488-2 would make substantive changes in our former Oregon practices by bringing the marginalized folk to the planning table for equitable treatment at long last AND importantly, add climate change to the issues that must be considered in land use planning. Without clear and concerted effort, the future of Oregonians is at risk from a rapidly warming global climate. And profiteers are already scrambling to profit from any advantages they may seize to exploit and extract from Oregon's precious lands. Oregon's solid land use laws can halt this, but only if all the people are represented at the decision making table. Please expedite the passage of this bill this Session.

In deep appreciation for your hard work for the Common Good.