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The Legislature's recent focus on housing affordability and climate resilience has made meaningful progress in securing a more sustainable future for Oregonians. Unfortunately, HB 2659 represents a step backwards in those fights. Repealing former Gov Brown's climate and equity orders would threaten or outright kill construction of tens of thousands of potential new homes in Oregon, particularly in areas close to transit. It would also scrap years of climate, land use, and transportation planning by communities across the state and hobble Oregon's ability to address these issues in the future.

Fighting the climate and housing crises requires all of us as Oregonians to work together. HB 2659 makes this more challenging, more costly, and more cumbersome, and it should not become law.