



June 22, 2021

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 have had the privilege of calling Bend my home for 26 years. I have watched it go from a small rural town to a bustling population of over 100,000 and growing. In a matter of 20 years Bend has grown to be an island in the desert so to speak, for the surrounding rural areas. This town is the hub for much of Central Oregon's opportunities in the areas of education, recreation, culture, and employment. This growth has come at the expense of housing though, particularly affordable housing for our local workforce. The Bend area's working homeless population is a historical high as a result, and many residents hover on the brink of homelessness on a daily basis.

The set-aside proposed in HB 3318 of 20-acres for permanently affordable housing will be significant in addressing the goal of providing stable housing for our community. I strongly encourage the Committee's members to adopt this Bill so the Bend City Council has the opportunity to expedite the process of bringing this land into the urban growth boundary. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Warren".

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