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

To the Senate Committee on Housing and Development:

My name is Rebecca Davies and I am writing to ask you to support the -1 Amendment of SB 49. I recently moved back to Portland and am dismayed at how much more unaffordable the city and state have become in the past decade while I was away. Exorbitant housing prices are the biggest contributor to Oregon's unsustainable cost of living and are making me reconsider staying in this place where I grew up.

Oregon is far off track in building the 200,000 homes that Oregonians need in the next 20 years per the state's 2024 housing report. SB 49-1 would address critical regulatory barriers to building those desperately needed homes. In particular, SB 49-1 would guide inclusionary zoning programs to fulfill their intended purpose by ensuring they do not become unfunded mandates that stall housing production.