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As a member of a civil engineering firm,

We see day in and day out the consequences overbearing codes have on providing affordable and safe homes for Oregonians. One of the most impactful elements of these codes is the dual access requirement.

With the myriad of health concerns that come from lack of air flow and lack of lighting in dual access corridors that have become standard practice in Oregon, we greatly threaten the lives of most often our most vulnerable citizens. Single point access allows better air flow, better lighting, and still a viable access for emergencies. They also allow a greater opportunity to provide desirable multi unit living for a wider variety of families and households.

I urge your support for SB 847. These small changes in how we build and engineer housing will go a long way to tackling Oregon's housing shortage.