

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

Dear Chair Pham and Members of the Senate Housing Committee,

My name is Joel Bravo and I live in the Pearl District of Portland. I join Portland: Neighbors Welcome in supporting the -1 Amendment of Senate Bill 49, the Housing Production Accelerator, which works to reduce regulatory burden to help build more housing across the state. This bill will help people live near jobs that invest in their community, provide greater opportunity for jurisdictions to responsibly pursue Inclusionary Zoning, allow more people to stay in their communities as they age, and make use of vacant lots to help neighborhoods be vibrant. I moved to Portland in 2021 with my husband after we fell in love with the city and have made life long friends since then. But with Oregon's critical lack of housing and the rising costs of homeownership and renting, I worry about whether my friends and I will one day be priced out. I worry about whether we will forever be locked out of owning a place to live due to exorbitant costs and housing scarcity. And I especially worry that our homelessness crisis will only continue to grow as even more people find themselves without any access to affordable housing. I believe this amendment can remove many of the burdensome barriers to housing production, helping create a livable and thriving Oregon in the process.

Thank You,
Joel Bravo

Thank you.