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

Chair Pham and members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the proposed dash-one amendment to Senate Bill 49.

I OPPOSE this bill. As you can see from the multiple testimonies submitted from the various cities such as Eugene, Wilsonville, Ashland, Beaverton, Central Point, Portland, Medford, Bend, Aumsville, Happy Valley, and the League of Oregon cities, all OPPOSE imposing uniform zoning standards because it would adversely affect and limit each city's ability to implement policies that address specific local housing challenges effectively. This bill eliminates local control and flexibility. It undermines comprehensive planning requirements. This bill threatens historic preservation..

While increasing housing supply is critical, SB 49-1 fails to provide meaningful solutions and instead strips local governments of necessary tools and flexibility. Housing policies should empower communities—not impose rigid mandates that disregard local conditions, infrastructure, and planning needs. I urge the committee to reject SB 49-1 and instead pursue policies that truly foster sustainable and inclusive housing development.

Thank you for your time and consideration.