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Oregon Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for HB 3136-A

Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee:

Oregon Smart Growth (OSG) is a coalition of responsible developers, investors and allied professionals committed to the feasible development of walkable, livable communities that are environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable for Oregon's future.

We are writing to you today in support of HB 3136-A, which removes a requirement that a maximum of two real estate professionals may serve on a city or county planning commission with more than five members, and to encourage the Legislature to continue to prioritize our housing supply and affordability crisis by taking bold actions to encourage housing production.

Real estate professionals bring critical expertise to planning commissions and the industry is composed of many interdependent roles such as architects, developers, contractors, builders, realtors, and more. Removing the cap on the number of professionals allowed on a commission helps to better inform the process and ensure the policies under consideration will work in the real world of housing development.

Boosting housing production across the state is critical to addressing our housing affordability crisis, reducing homelessness, and enhancing our state and regional economic prosperity. As we face a housing crisis that gets worse every year, we must think differently about how we solve this problem.

HB 3136-A is an opportunity to bring the wealth of experience and much-needed perspective of our local real estate professionals to the table as we tackle the housing crisis head on. HB 3136-A is a simple, logical change that will help us build momentum to accelerate housing production, lower development costs, and improve affordability for Oregonians.

On behalf of Oregon Smart Growth and our members across the state, we respectfully urge your support for this important legislation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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