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Dear Chair Dexter and members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness:

On behalf of the West Linn City Council, I am writing to express the City of West Linn's **opposition to HB 3414**. While we certainly support the goal of increasing housing access for all, this legislation represents another intrusion by the state into local control over the most basic elements of zoning and development review. Furthermore, the creation of new State bureaucracy dedicated to overseeing local housing progress and empowered to administer discipline is not a good use of limited resources or representative of a good partnership with local governments.

The vast majority of local government housing decisions comply with all state and local requirements. Cities and counties do not need more state bureaucracy to oversee our work. Instead, we urge the Legislature to focus on what's really needed: funding for land acquisition, tools and best practices advice for attracting appropriate development, and a partnership of trust with the State.

We thank you for your time on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Rory Bialostosky, Interim Mayor
City of West Linn

cc: Senator Rob Wagner
Representative Jules Walters