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On Behalf Of:

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Thank you for considering my comments. My name is Ed Gallagher. I am a former Community Development Director for the City of Gresham and Clark County, Washington as well as a current member of the Tillamook County Housing Commission. I am very familiar with the challenge of the developing housing to address the market needs in a community. Tillamook county has a significant deficit in the development of affordable housing, especially for the "missing middle." The result on the current housing situation is the challenge to recruit individuals to fill jobs in the county...nurses, teachers, all types of managers in the public and private sectors. That's our reality.

We have had a recent housing study that pointed out that some of our housing supply is stuck. Some existing residents want to downsize, maybe into a duplex, but none are available. If they were available, that would free up a larger home that would be available to people wanting to move into our communities for employment. This proposed pilot program will definitely help our overall housing supply and definitely the "missing middle."

Sincerely,

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