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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3414

As a person who works with people experiencing houseless in Portland, in general I support measures that will increase the amount of affordable housing. As an environmentalist, I feel that this measure is giving too much away to developers; it is not about affordable housing. It is taking away valuable environmental regulations. As we see with global warming and other types of environmental degradation, once we have acted, it is not only difficult to reverse a misstep, we often cannot. I know we feel pressed to get more housing out there, but HB 3414 is not an answer. We must put our rivers, wetlands, trees and waterways first.