

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Arlette Tapia Lopez, and I am a reside and work in Woodburn. I am writing to express my strong support for SB 1564.

Woodburn is a working community with strong ties to agriculture, food processing, and other essential industries that are critical to the region's success. Many residents work locally and want to continue living in the community they support. However, rising housing costs and limited availability make it increasingly difficult for working families and individuals to remain in Woodburn.

As Woodburn continues to grow, the lack of available housing presents real challenges for residents, employers, and families alike. When housing development is delayed or uncertain, it becomes harder to retain workers, maintain stable neighborhoods, and support a thriving local economy. Our community cannot afford to wait years for housing; we need it today.

SB 1564 presents an important opportunity to support the development of much-needed affordable and market-rate housing in Woodburn and to ensure that our community can remain inclusive, stable, and economically strong. This bill helps make housing development more feasible where it is urgently needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I urge your support of SB 1564.