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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB49

Dear Chair Pham and Members of the Senate Housing Committee,

My name is Andrea Haverkamp and I live in the Kerns neighborhood of Portland, Oregon. I am active in my neighborhood association as a renter and am the Land Use and Transportation chair of Kerns Neighborhood Association. I look all around our neighborhood and see opportunity for more housing, more neighbors, and more affordability. We need state level changes to help accelerate housing production. I dream of a day where these empty lots no longer sit fenced up, or when vacant and abandoned buildings no longer sit derelict for years on end, but instead are put to their full potential.

I join Portland: Neighbors Welcome in supporting the -1 Amendment of Senate Bill 49, the Housing Production Accelerator, which works to reduce regulatory burden to help build more housing across the state. This bill will help people live near jobs that invest in their community, provide greater opportunity for jurisdictions to responsibly pursue Inclusionary Zoning, allow more people to stay in their communities as they age, and make use of vacant lots to help neighborhoods be vibrant.

I adore my neighborhood for its charm, character, and community. SB 49 will help build more housing, promote affordability, and move us in the right direction. I urge your support for the -1 Amendment of SB 49.

Thank you.

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