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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

Hello,

My name is Carly Werdel, a resident of Corvallis, OR and a student at OSU.

I am writing to strongly urge the Committee to oppose SB 1537. Seemingly brought by industry groups with no community support, this bill is another example of a long trend of anti-regulation legislation intended to constrain state agencies and make it harder to enact new regulations or rules.

I oppose the substance of this bill for a variety of reasons. As a baseline, the stated purpose of the bill is wholly unnecessary. Cost assessments are already built into agency rulemaking processes. For example, the Building Codes Division regularly assesses the cost impact of any new code advancements. This bill puts a new, burdensome, and ill-defined layer onto that work.

In many ways, the anti-regulation consequence of this bill could be setting a near-impossible bar for any new regulation by any of the named agencies to ever be adopted by many state agencies.

I strongly urge you to oppose SB 1537.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carly Werdel