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Bend, Oregon

Chair Fahey, Members,

Removing rules that get in the way of building housing is essential to meet our state's goals of providing enough homes, which is important in so many ways: saving people from the anxiety of not knowing where they're going to live, the economy, and the environment.

In terms of the technical details of this bill, we would like to draw attention to and support the testimony provided by the Sightline Institute, who have worked tirelessly on these issues for years.

As YIMBYs, we saw one project that provided over 100 units (aka homes) on an empty lot in a central, walkable part of Bend held up for over a year over a height variance. If we believe we are truly in a housing *crisis*, let's act urgently.

Thank you,

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