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

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

I'm writing today to voice my strong support for Senate Bill 49. Oregon, like much of the country, is in the midst of a housing crisis; we simply do not have enough housing for everyone who needs it. SB 49 provides an important path toward creating more much-needed housing in Oregon.

Too many of my neighbors are unhoused. These neighbors suffer during the winter and the summer from exposure to harsh conditions; they are also subject to frequent sweeps that take away their few belongings and their scant shelter. My neighborhood isn't unique. Across Portland and the rest of Oregon, people are caught in the same horrible struggle.

Because housing is a human right, we must do whatever we can to erase all obstacles to housing in Oregon. I urge you to take a crucial step in this fight by voting yes for SB 49.

Many thanks,
Beth Deitchman