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Washington State Legislature
Southwest Washington Legislative Delegation
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Olympia, WA 98504

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Dear Southwest Washington Legislative Delegation:

With multiple bills under consideration to address the housing supply shortage in Washington state, we encourage you to **prioritize measures that remove barriers or create incentives.**

Conversely, we **discourage your advancing measures imposing additional taxation or placing more requirements upon residential development.** Even if dedicated to funding more housing, such measures effectively make housing more expensive and runs counter to the objective of boosting housing stock.

With so many measures being considered and modified within the last days of session, we encourage the legislature to **include anticipated outcomes and measurement processes** so the efficacy of such initiatives can be evaluated for future policymaking. This would help inform local policymakers who are in the midst of Growth Management comprehensive planning, especially those along borders who need to consider differing policies in neighboring states.

Sincerely,



Ron Arp, President
Identity Clark County

cc: ICC Board of Directors