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Portland has historically had a deficit of available housing, proven by our rising rents. We need to build more housing capacity in our opportunity zones to accommodate projected growth, and then some. I have many friends who live in the built-up, dense, slabtown neighborhood and they love it! I love going there! I just wish I had the freedom to relocate across the city and still have access to dense, mixed-use housing, with access to frequent and reliable transit. It currently feels I can only find that on the west side, and even there housing is not abundant enough. I have convinced some friends to move to portland, but finding good housing in opportunity zones has been difficult. I imagine many more would move here if the housing supply was increased to accommodate them in a non-sprawly way that still allowed them vibrant, urban lives.

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