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HB 3332: Housing for Individuals with Mental Health Conditions

Members of the House Human Services & Housing Committee 900 Court Street, NE, Room 453 Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Tomei, Vice-Chair Gomberg, Vice-Chair Olson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you regarding HB 3332, which would provide additional funds for housing for individuals with mental health conditions.

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of organizations serving all parts of Oregon. We are concerned about the availability of safe, decent and affordable housing for all Oregon residents, particularly residents who have limited incomes. We come together as a coalition because we know the importance of a stable home in affording Oregonians the ability to maximize their potential and build better futures for themselves and their loved ones.

The Housing Alliance knows that today, in every county in Oregon, housing remains unaffordable for too many Oregonians. Individuals with mental health conditions and illnesses lack safe and stable housing while they attend treatment or transition back to community life. Without housing, these Oregonians can't address their mental health condition or other underlying health conditions and make progress towards stability and a more healthy life.

Housing is the foundation of our communities. We can live in a state where everyone has access to opportunity and a safe, stable place to call home. Together, we can create an Oregon with a better future for all of us.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony, and for your work on behalf of Oregon communities.

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On Behalf of the Housing Alliance

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