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HB 2198 -1: Expanding Housing Opportunity

House Human Services and Housing Committee

April 20, 2015

HB 2198

Chair Keny-Guyer and members of the Committee,

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of more than fifty organizations from all parts of the state. Our members have come together with the knowledge that housing opportunity is the base on which all of our success is built – individual success as students, parents, workers, and community members as well as the success of our communities. We represent a diverse set of voices from residents to local jurisdictions to non-profit housing developers and organizations working to meet basic needs.

We ask your support for House Bill 2198 and the proposed -1 amendments. This bill would move forward the proposed \$100 million investment in meeting housing needs across Oregon and set parameters for the use of the bond proceeds. You have heard compelling evidence this session of the severity and breadth of housing needs. In all Oregon communities we lack resources to address housing. This proposal to develop homes is a significant and exciting step forward.

The \$100 million investment will:

- Let Oregon communities innovate as they build new homes: State investment will leverage local resources and local ingenuity – land, local government resources, private capital, and local community donations – and avoid federal restrictions.
- Meet the range of community housing needs—rural, urban, and suburban—with flexible funds.
- More than double our impact. Oregon Housing and Community Services estimates 3,000 to 4,000 new units could be built to affordably house 12,000 to 16,000 people, while current resources only reach about 1,300 households a year.

Partners are ready to work, ready to leverage state resources and move forward innovative strategies to solve their local housing needs. We expect that this funding mechanism will enable us to simplify financial structures and reduce layers of external regulations while maintaining oversight and ownership share.

HB 2198 with the -1 amendments will build Oregon’s future. On behalf of



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the Housing Alliance, I urge your prompt consideration and support of this historic investment. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "O. Carrillo". The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Omar Carrillo Tinajero
On Behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance