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Capital Construction Sub-Committee of Ways and Means  
Oregon Housing and Community Services Bond Package

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Read, Members of the Committee:

My name is Rachel Post and I am the Public Policy Director at Central City Concern in Portland. My agency serves over 13,000 individuals living in poverty and homelessness each year through our continuum of comprehensive healthcare, low income housing and economic advancement programs. Access to affordable housing is at a historical low for those Portlanders living below median income and particularly those living in poverty. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposal to build Oregon's future by supporting a historic investment of \$100 million for affordable homes for families with low incomes. We know that our communities can't succeed without homes.

We can help solve this problem by building homes affordable to families with low incomes. In the process, we can strengthen Portland's communities, and boost local economies. The proposed \$100 million housing development bond package will allow us, as a housing developer, to be innovative, flexible and sensitive to our community needs. Statewide, the funds will build an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 new homes, which could affordably house 12,000 to 16,000 people. We look forward to seeing the impact we could have here in Portland.

Portland, like dozens of communities throughout the state, is ready to unleash the ingenuity, innovation and hard work that has defined Oregon for centuries. We can choose to invest in people and create a better future for the next generation. We urge your careful consideration of, and support for, this proposed historic investment in homes for Oregon.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Rachel Post