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:

I work at the Housing Development Center, a statewide nonprofit consulting organization that strengthens opportunities for low-income families and individuals by developing, preserving and sustaining affordable housing and community facilities throughout Oregon.

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 firsthand that families, children, seniors, people with disabilities and <u>communities</u> can't succeed without homes. Yet the number of homeless children is increasing. And housing costs continue to rise.

I support this \$100 million investment because it will make a meaningful difference in the lives, opportunities, and future prospects for thousands of Oregonians. I encourage you to support this proposal, too, and take this important step in preserving the future of our communities.

Thank you for all you do to help Oregonians.

Sincerely, Emily Schelling

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