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Capital Construction Committee  
Oregon State Legislature

To The Members of the Committee:

We, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, wish to go on record as being strongly in support of the proposal in Governor Brown's budget to use \$100 million in state bonding authority to create more housing opportunities for hardworking Oregonians. It's estimated that 50,000 families in our state are homeless, occupying inadequate and unsafe housing, or are cost-burdened.

The problem is more acute in our county than in some counties because of a variety of factors: a large number of seasonal, low-wage jobs, chronic poverty, a limited land base for development and an increasing demand for second homes and retirement homes. Approximately twenty-five percent of our total housing stock in the county is in secondary, rather than primary residences.

The \$100 million is not the total answer to our housing crisis, which has been decades in the making. But it will be the first time in years that the state has boldly attacked the problem, rather than nibbling at the edges.

Sincerely,

### LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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