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To: Co-Chairs Girod and Read, Members of the Capital Construction Sub-Committee of Ways and Means

From: Peter Hainley, Executive Director of CASA of Oregon

RE: Housing preservation and the need for lottery backed bonds

CASA of Oregon has been preserving federally subsidized housing and converting manufactured housing communities to resident ownership for the last 20 years. We would not be able to do this work without state support. I urge the sub-committee to provide \$20 million in lottery-backed bonding so that we may continue preserving these important sources of affordable housing throughout Oregon and particularly in the rural areas.

The \$20 million will allow us to continue leveraging millions of federal funding along with private sources. It will ensure that agricultural workers, seniors and the disabled are able to continue to live in the communities where they have an established support network.

We cannot afford to lose this precious resource and risk displacement of our neighbors. The investment of lottery-backed bonds ensures the continuation of a successful public-private partnership that saves homes and preserves a standard of living for those most in need of stability.

Please support a continued investment of those most vulnerable in our communities. Everyone deserves a safe, stable, affordable place to call home. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Hainley".

Peter Hainley

Executive Director



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