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**Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood
February 1, 2016
Hearing on SB 1533**

Testimony from Peter Hainley, Executive Director
Community and Shelter Assistance Corp. (CASA of Oregon)

Chair Gelser and members of the Committee:

For 28 years, CASA of Oregon, a statewide non-profit organization has been creating housing and economic opportunities for Oregonians. We focus our work in the rural parts of the state.

We support SB 1533, which would lift the current ban on inclusionary zoning. Goal 10 of Oregon's land use statutes has recognized the importance of ensuring that every community provide housing to meet the needs of all its residents. A key component of Goal 10 is that all communities must develop plans to ensure the provision of affordable housing. The current ban on inclusionary zoning prevents local communities from this key opportunity to design codes and ordinances that ensure compliance with Goal 10.

CASA supports allowing local governments having the flexibility to use zoning tools for new development. It is crucial for us to allow all residents of our state to have a quality of life that is commensurate with our values as Oregonians.

We urge the committee to pass SB 1533.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Hainley", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Peter Hainley
Executive Director