

As I am in the building without stationary, please accept this email as a letter of support for including \$10 million in additional funding for EHA and SHAP for the rest of the 2016-2017 biennium.

Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon has long recognized that the high cost of housing is a strain for low-income families trying to meet all of their expenses, including food to feed their families adequately.

Secure housing helps stabilize families and helps their children do better in school. Parents are better able to do well at work and climb the ranks to better paying jobs.

Our communities thrive when all families have access to the basics including food, housing and health care.

The Great Recession's impact is still being felt by many families who lost their homes and income. HB 5701 offers hope to families wanting to stabilize their housing and move forward. On behalf of the many families and their children who will benefit from this investment, thank you for including \$10 million for EHA and SHAP.

Gratefully,

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