



March 8, 2017

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer and members of the Human Services and Housing Committee:

I write on behalf of Oregon Opportunity Network (Oregon ON), the statewide association of affordable housing and community development nonprofits, to ask for your support for HB 2570.

We enthusiastically support HB 2570, which would establish a revolving loan fund to support the development of affordable homes throughout Oregon.

Along with our partners at the Housing Alliance, Oregon ON helped convene a statewide workgroup of affordable homeownership providers, which developed this exciting bill in collaboration over the past several months. HB 2570 creates a revolving fund that is flexible and will work for different models of homeownership development in communities across Oregon.

We strongly believe that affordable homeownership is a crucial part of the solution to addressing our state's housing crisis. Additional investment through HB 2570 will help more Oregon families, including communities of color and rural residents, achieve the stability and prosperity that owning a home provides.

We are honored to help bring forward this innovative proposal for your consideration, as part of a comprehensive agenda to increase homeownership and housing opportunity in our state.

We urge your support of HB 2570, and we thank you as always, for your service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jerome Brooks'.

Jerome Brooks
Executive Director

Oregon ON member organizations:

Statewide

CASA of Oregon
Cascadia Behavioral
Healthcare
Catholic Charities
Enterprise Community
Partners
Habitat for Humanity of
Oregon
Housing Development
Center
NOAH (Network for
Oregon Affordable
Housing)
Northwest Housing
Alternatives
Rural Community
Assistance Corporation

Central & Eastern Oregon

Columbia Cascade
Housing
Community Connection
of NE Oregon
Housing Works
NeighborImpact
UGMW Nonprofit
Development
Corporation

Coastal

Northwest Coastal
Housing
Community Action
Team, Inc.

Southern Oregon

ACCESS
Housing Authority of
Jackson County
NeighborWorks Umpqua

Willamette Valley

Catholic Community
Services Foundation
Community Home
Builders
Cornerstone Community
Housing
Farmworker Housing
Development
Corporation
Housing and Community
Services of Lane County
(HACSA)
Integrated Supports for
Living, Inc.
NEDCO
Polk CDC
St Vincent de Paul of
Lane County

Willamette
Neighborhood Housing
Services

Portland Metro

Bienestar
BRIDGE Housing
Central City Concern
Community Housing
Fund
CPAH
Habitat for Humanity
Portland/Metro East
Hacienda CDC
Home Forward
Housing Authority of
Clackamas County
Housing Authority of
Washington County
Human Solutions, Inc.
Innovative Housing, Inc.
NAYA Family Center
PCRI
Portland Housing Center
Proud Ground
REACH Community
Development
ROSE Community
Development
Sabin CDC

...Plus over 100 businesses, government agencies, community organizations and individuals across Oregon who support our mission.