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Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Co-Chair Johnson, Co-Chair Gomberg, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of ROSE Community Development, I would urge the committee to allocate \$100 million in the Housing and Community Services budget for the preservation of affordable housing in Oregon. Preserving aging affordable housing units is an integral part of the state's arsenal for combatting our current housing crisis.

ROSE connects our community to build good homes, healthy families and neighborhood opportunities in outer southeast Portland. While we are committing to constructing new affordable units, with over 100 units currently in development, maintaining our existing portfolio of over 300 affordable units is just as important.

Our housing gives homes to hundreds of residents, including seniors, families with young children, and people with disabilities. Unfortunately, as properties age, maintenance needs often accumulate, requiring new investment for repairs to keep these homes affordable.

Please ensure that the budget includes adequate funding for preserving existing affordable housing, which will help keep families housed affordably for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Sauvie".

Nick Sauvie
Executive Director