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Dear Oregon Leaders,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information to the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development in advance of the public hearing on Monday, March 20th, regarding the Housing and Community Services Dept. budget and HB 5012.

Over 150 community organizations have joined together through the <u>Welcome Home Coalition</u> in response to Portland's affordable housing crisis. I am writing you today on behalf of the Coalition to **encourage your support of the Emergency Housing Account (EHA), the State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) and the Local Innovation and Fast Track** (**LIFT) housing program.** Our members are intimately familiar with the impacts of these programs throughout Oregon, and families being served are counting on the Legislature's continued support.

We very much appreciate your consideration of the attached information.

Ways and Means \_ EHA\_SHAP and LIFT Support from...

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