



March 22, 2017

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

I write on behalf of Oregon Opportunity Network (Oregon ON) to urge your support for HB 2961, which will invest \$10 million to provide critical home repairs for homeowners of modest means.

This bill will tackle a crucial aspect of our housing crisis, especially in rural areas: keeping folks stable in their current homes – while also preserving deteriorating housing stock.

Our members around the state work with homeowners of modest means – including families, seniors, and people with disabilities – to help them make needed repairs and stay stable in their homes and community. We urge you to support this bill, which will enable community-based nonprofits to help hundreds of vulnerable homeowners stay stable in their homes.

We are very excited to bring this bill forward as part of a comprehensive agenda to increase affordable homeownership in Oregon, along with down payment assistance (HB 3192), a revolving loan fund for home development (HB 2570), extending LIFT bond capacity to include affordable single-family homes (HB 3175), and funding for foreclosure assistance.

We urge your support of HB 2961, 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.