



March 22, 2017

To: House Committee on Human Services & Housing,

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice Chair Sanchez, Vice Chair Olson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rick Rogers, and I am the Executive Director of Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity. I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for HB 2961.

Habitat for Humanity has long focused on providing low-income families with the opportunity to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty by owning a key asset: their home. Our home repair program, A Brush with Kindness, assist families stay in their home by performing essential health and safety repairs. Volunteers make the program remarkably efficient.

With your help, Habitat for Humanity and our many community partners will mobilize the volunteers and resources needed to help more Oregon families lead worry-free, healthy and productive lives. Our communities become stronger as we unite to meet our friends and neighbors' basic need for a stable and affordable place to call home.

Thank you for your service and for your careful consideration of HB 2961.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Rogers".

Rick Rogers  
Executive Director