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Joint Tax Committee

On behalf of ROSE Community Development, thank you for taking the time to read and consider our support of HB 2852 and SB 166.

ROSE uses a number of different federal state and local subsidy programs to bring affordable housing to our community. These resources are never enough to meet the demand and stabilize those low-income households that are the most vulnerable. OAHTCs are a great tool to lower the rents at any given project so we can reach more of these most vulnerable families.

Housing stability is critical for low-income households to find their footing and become more self-reliant. A housing first approach is a great way to support community organizations like ROSE community development that provides programming and support while alleviating the stress on social services. A person housed is much less likely to access any number of social service safety net programs.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this valuable resource.

Sincerely,

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