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Senator James I. Manning Jr., Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE, S-205
Salem, Oregon 97301

Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE, H-471
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Senate Bill 5536
Oregon Real Estate Agency Budget

Dear Senator Manning and Representative.Gomberg:

Please admit this letter as written testimony to Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means in support of SB 5536 and the Budget for the Oregon Real Estate Agency which will be presented to the Joint Committee on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

As a member of the industry regulated by the Agency, and as a member of the Agency's Advisory Board, it has been my observation that the Real Estate Agency is an exemplary steward of the funds it receives from applicants and licensees. The Agency has navigated tumultuous economic times while remaining steadfast in its duties to the State, and while consistently providing exceptional service to its licensees and to the general public.

I support Senate Bill 5536.

Very truly yours,

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