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Dear Chair Nathanson and Chair Hass, and members of the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures,

I am asking you to take action to ensure that Individual Development Accounts remain available to Oregonians who need them. Please include the provisions of SB 790 in HB 2164.

Individual Development Accounts are a valuable tool to give Oregonians with low incomes the boost they need to build a more secure financial future. -- I have helped many first time home buyers that would have never been able to purchase without this program.

We need the Legislature to take action to keep the Oregon IDA Initiative working in our communities, and we need to expand the reach of IDAs to more people. IDAs are in high demand and to get more lower income citizens into homes we need more funds available.