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Cc: [Rep Nathanson](#); [Sen Hass](#)
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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. They do make a difference in people's lives and as the Chair of Innovative Changes (nonprofit) and a Board member of CASA of Oregon, I can assure you that these tools have had a very positive impact on the lives of who we serve, in our community. Many families have been able to use this tool to help themselves overcome difficult circumstances and situations.

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 such high demand and not available to those who need them currently. We should be adding legislation that expands their reach so that we can improve more people's lives.

Thank you for all of your hard work this session, and thank you for your attention to keeping IDAs available.

Sincerely,

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