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Housing Authority

Linn Benton Housing Authority

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Homes for Good (Lane County)

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Housing Authority of Malheur County

Housing Authority of the County of Umatilla

Housing Authority of Washington County

Housing Authority of Yamhill County

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Development Council

Klamath County Housing Authority

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West Valley Housing Authority

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Housing Authorities of Oregon

To: Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair Fahey, Co-Vice Chair Knopp, Co-Vice Chair Breese-Iverson, Members of the Joint Interim Committee On The Second Special Session of 2021:

The Housing Authorities of Oregon are the largest providers of affordable housing in the state of Oregon. There are 22 Housing Authorities that serve all 36 counties. Our goal is to provide a safe, affordable place for Oregonians with low incomes to call home.

We write to express our support for extending the grace period for repayment of back-rent for tenants who have applied for emergency assistance, but whose applications have not been processed.

Housing authorities are unique in that we are landlords, managing over 17,000 affordable rental units across the state, and we serve tenants who rent on the private market through the administration of the the federal Housing Choice Voucher program which provides over \$250 million in rental payments to private landlords every biennium.

This pandemic has been hard on landlords and tenants, alike. This proposal is well crafted. No one should be evicted for nonpayment while their rent assistance application is being processed. At the same time, we know that the historic rent assistance made available through state and federal funding has not been enough to meet the need, and allocating more resources to pay landlords is important. We urge your support.



HAO advocates for policies and resources that create safe, stable housing options for all Oregonians haoregon.org

Thank you for receiving our testimony, and taking up this important legislation.

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