

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

As a longtime resident in southern Oregon I have been involved in working to address the regions persistent and growing housing crisis. Within my faith community, as chair of Ashland's Housing & Human Services Commission and as active member in Unite Oregon Action, Southern Oregon Housing For All I have with others worked to find workable solutions to our housing crisis. The devastation of the fires in Jackson county have left thousands without homes. My son was one of those whose homes that were completely lost.

SB 852 is a common sense way of effective, values based solution of directing our financial resources to put toward solutions for housing Oregon families.

The concept of this bill has been around for some time, but now is the most propitious time for action. We all here in southern Oregon need our legislative leaders to make this simple and effective step in making our housing subsidies more rational, value based and effective to support the housing needs for all.

I strongly urge passage of SB 852