

I am writing you today in support of this bill because I am a resident of an affordable housing complex built with LIFT funds. I moved to Oregon in 2016, five years ago this month, and have spent three of those five years unhoused with my family due to the housing crisis and lack of affordable housing here. I have spent seven months in a tent and over two years in an RV in the forest surrounding my community. If it wasn't for the place we moved into two months ago, I would still be out there with my children, and if it weren't for LIFT funds, this place wouldn't exist. There are only 81 affordable rental units in Sisters, but the need is higher. Data shows that supporting affordable housing works. The solution to homelessness is housing, and the more money that's put into it, the more people we can get off the streets and out of the forest. Please think about the children and struggling people still out there and dedicate more funding to these programs, lives depend on it. Thank you.