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Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey, and Members of the
Committee:

I write to you today on behalf of Housing Oregon in support of SB
5534, and the inclusion of \$100 million to preserve and maintain
existing affordable in Lottery bonds.

Housing Oregon is a statewide membership-based association of
affordable housing Community Development Corporations
(CDCs) committed to serving and supporting low-income
Oregonians across the housing needs spectrum – from homeless
to homeowner. We are working towards a day when every
Oregonian has a safe and healthy place to call home.

All Oregonians need a safe, stable, and affordable place to call
home. Over the years, we've built thousands of affordable
apartment homes in towns and cities across Oregon. Some of
these affordable apartment homes were built by private owners
using resources from the federal government, including rental
assistance which helps households with low incomes to pay the
rent every month. In many of our smaller communities, these
buildings are the only affordable apartment homes available.

These apartment homes have provided stability, safety, and
affordability for area residents for the last thirty-plus years. The
people who live in these homes are seniors, people experiencing
disabilities, and families just starting out.

Today, we have the opportunity to reinvest in these homes and
ensure they will be safe and available for the next generation.
Just like schools or hospitals, affordable rental homes need

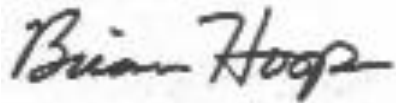
regular investments to ensure they stay safe for people to live in. Our investments are needed to replace the roof, make repairs to the exterior of the buildings, or to ensure the safety and habitability of these homes for generations to come. Oregon needs to steward these aging homes for future generations without raising rents.

We urge your support for the inclusion of \$100 million to preserve and maintain affordable housing in communities across Oregon.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the State of Oregon.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions at 503-475-6056 or brian@housingoregon.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hoop". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brian Hoop
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