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Senator Kasey Jama, Chair Senator Dick Anderson, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Housing and Development 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: Affordable Housing Preservation Strategy Framework and Senate Bill 893 (2023) Report

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson, Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

We at Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) are grateful for our continued partnership with the Oregon Legislature and your Committee as we continue to respond to and prevent homelessness in our communities, preservation of existing housing, and increase housing production. Thank you for your time and thoughtful questions during yesterday's committee meeting. While we were able to respond to your questions during the hearing, we wanted to provide additional information via written responses:

## **Preservation**

Senator Sollman: Do you have a collective map of preservation needs across the state?

OHCS has created a <u>Preservation Dashboard</u> to help OHCS and its partners better understand how we can preserve affordable rental homes throughout the state. This means making sure current rent restricted or rent assisted properties can continue to operate and provide homes to individuals and families who would not otherwise be able to afford a home in their area at market rate rents. The preservation dashboard currently focuses on expiring properties and projects with expiring federal project-based rent assistance in Oregon.

## SB 893

Senator Patterson: Does OHCS intend to defund Community Action Agencies (CAAs), or it will it be an expansion to more partners in addition to CAAs?

OHCS will continue to work with our CAA partners. There is no intention to defund CAAs, rather to expand the number of partners we work with.

In partnership,
Tanisha Rosas
Legislative and Government Relations Coordinator

