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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development  
Measure: SB46

Good morning,

Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development, my name is Kristin Kuenz-Barber and I am the Strategic Partnerships Manager for Northwest Human Services- a Federally Qualified Health Center serving Marion and Polk Counties. I would like to testify in support of SB 46 regarding building affordable housing for seniors. As an FQHC, we receive Federal Funding to serve the medically fragile in our community who are at or below the 200% poverty level. Currently, 22% of our patient population are considered "homeless" and post pandemic losses have more and more people falling into homelessness - including our aging adult population. Seniors deserve housing and support in our community and therefore, I am in support of this legislation.