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To: House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

From: UCP Connections & UCP Mentors Re: Support for HB 2001

Dear Chair and Committee members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

My name is Glenna Hayes and I am the Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator for UCP Connections and UCP Mentors. We are an organization that supports people 18 years and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Clackamas County and Multnomah County with case management services to help choose, arrange, and monitor the supports they need to live on their own or in their family homes within the community. I am writing on behalf of UCP Connections & UCP Mentors in support of HB2754.

Part of the community we support are seniors who have had to fight hard for the ability to live independently. Many were forced into group homes and institutions because there was no access to independent living. This type of legislation is exactly what we need to provide stable housing for folks in our community who depend on publicly supported housing. When folks in our community get rent increases or termination notices it can cause a great amount of stress because we do not have enough affordable housing for them to transition to. It can take months to years to find people affordable housing. This will give folks peace of mind and give us more time to help people when rent increases or rental terminations are given.

While we endorse this legislation we also strongly encourage you to extend it to all who depend on publicly supported housing. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Glenna Hayes

Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator of UCP Connections & UCP Mentors