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On Behalf Of: First United Methodist Church
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure: HB3482

Chair Dexter, Co-Vice Chair Gamba, Co-Vice Chair Helfrich, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to providing Oregonians with housing solutions. As a member of First United Methodist Church of Portland, I am dedicated to helping our church to find a way to provide affordable homes to our houseless neighbors. I am writing today to advocate for the full funding and passage of HB 3482 to provide resources for non-profits, faith communities, tribal communities, housing authorities, and local governments in the process of developing affordable housing on their property.

Susheela Jayapal, Multnomah County Commissioner, recently learned that the churches in the Portland area have dedicated over 1,800 acres of land to use for affordable housing for the homeless. These faith communities are 100% behind trying to solve the homeless crises and are willing to donate land for housing. That removes one of the major costs and we need the funding from this bill, to do the studies and planning to take advantage of these free land offers.

First United Methodist Church of Portland is currently studying a tiny homes project on our excess land, as well as many other churches in the county.

Please vote YES on AB3482 go help these churches and other non-profits get the funds for planning and implementation of affordable housing on their generously donated land.

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