



Feb. 7, 2024

Joint Ways and Means Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Regarding: **House Bill 4134: Housing Oregon's Workforce (HOW)**

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Steiner and Representative Sanchez and Vice Chairs Senator Girod, Representative Gomberg, and Representative Smith and members of the committee:

On behalf of Yamhill Community Development Corporation DBA Community Home Builders, I offer our organization's full support of **HB 4134 Housing Oregon's Workforce (HOW)**.

We are a nonprofit organization that has been building affordable housing in the Yamhill County area for close to 30 years. We run a federally funded Mutual Self-Help Program that assists low-income (80% AMI or less) individuals and families in obtaining home ownership.

We have the green light to build 35 affordable homes in Amity, Oregon (100% Oregon workforce housing). However, the City of Amity needs funding to build out its infrastructure in order to support our project. Road widening alone that would serve our future homeowners (and neighbors) is estimated to be over \$200,000. Our addition of 35 affordable homes in Amity will address immediate housing needs but without necessary road improvements, the city will be unable to keep up with the growth.

This bill can address those needs and more. With funding from this bill, Amity can provide much needed infrastructure improvements which in turn will support our affordable housing project.

Without funding from this bill, progress on our affordable housing development will face unavoidable delays.

Please support **HB 4134 Housing Oregon's Workforce (How)** so we can continue our mission of providing affordable housing in rural communities, serving Oregon's workforce.

Respectfully submitted,


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