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Housing Authority

Linn Benton Housing Authority

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Housing Authority of Lincoln County

Housing Authority of Malheur County

Housing Authority of the County of Umatilla

Housing Authority of Washington County

Housing Authority of Yamhill County

Housing Works (Central Oregon)

Josephine Housing & Community
Development Council

Klamath County Housing Authority

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Northeast Oregon Housing Authority

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority

Salem Housing Authority

Vancouver Housing Authority

West Valley Housing Authority

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Housing Authorities Support \$30m Investment in Preservation

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

The Housing Authorities of Oregon are, collectively, the largest providers of affordable housing in the state of Oregon. There are 22 Housing Authorities that serve all 36 counties. Our goal is to provide a safe, affordable place for Oregonians with low incomes to call home.

We are writing to urge the committee to support an investment of at least \$30m to preserve existing affordable housing stock in Oregon. Across our state, from big and mid-size cities to small, rural towns, Oregonians are straining under the pressure of the housing market that has priced many out. Increasing production is part of the solution, but these efforts run the risk of falling short if we allow our existing stock of affordable housing to move to market rate.

Preservation is a cost-effective way to prevent the displacement of low-income Oregonians and ensure that housing will remain affordable for generations to come. An investment of \$30m will support the preservation of 400 homes in every pocket of the state for decades.

We know this request isn't enough to meet the entire need, but in the middle of a housing emergency it's imperative we protect as many Oregonians as we can from becoming at risk of homelessness. We urge the committee to support this critical investment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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