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Chair Kayse Jama
Senate Committee On Housing and Development
123 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 1530, 2024

Dear Chair Jama and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee On Housing and Development,

We, the Coalition of African American Pastors (CAAAP), are writing to express our unwavering support for Senate Bill 1530. As an organization dedicated to advancing the well-being of our African American communities, we firmly believe that this legislation plays a critical role in addressing housing disparities and ensuring equitable opportunities for all.

SB 1530's emphasis on affordable housing initiatives resonates deeply with CAAAP. Time and again, we have witnessed firsthand the hardships that inadequate housing conditions place on African American individuals and families. The long-lasting ramifications of these disparities cannot be overstated, affecting education, health outcomes, and overall economic prospects. Consequently, we commend the Senate Committee for taking up this issue and championing the cause of housing justice.

The provisions outlined in SB 1530 demonstrate a comprehensive and multi-faceted approach that addresses the complex challenges faced by African American communities. From promoting inclusive zoning practices to expanding housing assistance programs, this bill shows a genuine commitment to eradicating housing inequities. By prioritizing access to safe, affordable, and quality housing, we believe that SB 1530 has the potential to bring about positive change and create a more just society for all Oregonians.

Moreover, we are heartened by the thorough research and data-driven approach that underpins the bill. It is evident that Senate Bill 1530 was crafted with careful consideration of the realities faced by marginalized communities in our state. By gathering and analyzing relevant information, this legislation establishes a solid foundation for equitable housing policies that will benefit African Americans and other

historically disadvantaged populations.

In light of these merits, CAAAP strongly urges Chair Jama and the Senate Committee on Housing and Development to support and advance Senate Bill 1530. We believe that this legislation is not only a significant step towards addressing the housing crisis, but also a testament to the Oregon legislature's commitment to upholding justice and equality for all its residents.

Thank you for your time and attention to this crucial matter. We eagerly look forward to witnessing the positive impact SB 1530 will have on our communities and stand ready to collaborate with you in any capacity to achieve our shared goals.

Respectfully,

Pastor David Greenidge
Coalition of African American Pastors (CAAAP)