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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2964

Dear House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,  
I write in support of HB 2964. Developing affordable housing is a critical need for Oregon. This bill would help unlock acres of land for development by providing funds to cash-strapped churches that are ready to use their land to build affordable housing but for the exorbitant costs of predevelopment studies and permit fees. I have seen how such development brings shelter and services to some of our unhoused residents at three projects in Portland coordinated, developed, and managed by WeShine.org. Two are at underused parking lots of churches. The housing provides safe shelter for some of our most marginalized community members. I believe passage of the bill will allow such projects to continue and strongly urge you to move this bill forward.

Thank you,  
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