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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2964

I am a member of Central Lutheran Church and participate in The Sacred Organizing Coalition and Interfaith Alliance On Poverty. I strongly urge you to support HB 2964. Oregon's housing crisis is driven in part by the shortage of affordable land to build new housing. Faith organizations and other non-profits have such land available. However, they do not have the funds for pre-development costs necessary to start the building process. The passage of HB 2694 would unlock land and allow groups to move forward in creating affordable housing units.

As a person of faith, I am compelled to speak out in helping my houseless neighbors with a basic human need - housing. Faith communities have both land and the moral conviction to build affordable housing units. Please vote YES on HB 2694 to help our communities address Oregon's housing crisis.