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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2964

My name is John Barnes. I am an active member of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon.

Given the current housing crisis in Oregon, and in the interest of providing sufficient affordable housing, especially to those in greatest need HB 2964 provides needed support. There is a considerable amount of land held by Church congregations. Many of these congregations are small with aging congregants and are struggling financially. This bill would provide necessary funds to be available for housing development with seed money and pre-development costs. I strongly urge you to pass HB 2964 to help alleviate the burden of the un-housed and those at risk of homelessness.

Thank-you,

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