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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2964

I join with the Sacred Organizing Coalition in endorsing and supporting HB2964. We Oregonians need to unlock vital land so that faith communities, non-profit organizations and others can help solve our housing crisis by building housing for our brothers, sisters, children, elders and friends who are desperate for a place to call home.

As a community college instructor, I've had too many students in my classes without a roof over their heads. These students amaze me with their resilience and resourcefulness. Using the library, gym showers and other facilities, they struggle so that they can continue to attend class and keep up with their studies. I don't know how they do it!

We must do more to make sure everyone has a safe place to sleep, eat, live. By providing funding resources as well as removing barriers to new affordable housing, HB2964 is one piece of the puzzle in our shared efforts to bring everyone inside.