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On Behalf Of: Community Resource Trust  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Transportation and Economic Development  
Measure, Appointment HB5011  
or Topic:

Senator Aaron Woods, Co-Chair  
Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair  
Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development  
900 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg and Members of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development,  
My name is Patty Hinojoza, and I am the Community Manager at Claxter Crossing Apartments. I have been in property management for 6 years, with almost 4 of those years being in low-income housing. The reason for this letter is that I am advocating for the full funding of the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) request for \$500 million.

Right now, in 2025 Oregon is experiencing rising levels of homelessness, with approximately 1,300 individuals unsheltered in Salem alone, and approximately 17,959 individuals unsheltered in the state of Oregon. The need for affordable housing is on high demand, this need I have seen first-hand as many people come in inquiring about housing and apply to be on our waiting list.

As someone who works w/ low-income families on a daily basis I truly see the benefits of this opportunity. Providing a roof over their head provides them with so much more than just shelter and safety, it provides them with better mental health, it provides them with better job opportunities (better job opportunities require to have good hygiene, be rested, and put together which is very difficult when homeless), it provides them with the ability to succeed and progress. From my experience I have witness families thrive to a more successful life and/or income and then continue there path outside of affordable housing, and then when that happens, we get to start the cycle new with new families to then start on their journey. It is truly beneficial to our community to provide them with these opportunities.

Affordable properties also work very closely with agencies in our community and build strong partnerships. We frequently bring resources to our residents and do resident events. These resources are also helping to build stronger and more knowledgeable individuals which ultimately benefits our community. We help w/ things such as Resume building, Recovery programs, children's programs to help working parents, & trait information for the local Community College in our area. Thank you for taking the time to read my input on this matter, and I hope that you take action to ensure that funding for affordable housing continues to be a priority for Oregon.

Sincerely,  
Patty Hinojoza  
Community Manager, Claxter Crossing Apartments