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Representative Maxine Dexter
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, H-283
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for House Bill 2001

Dear Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee:

Housing Oregon, a membership-based statewide association of over 80 affordable housing community development corporations and allies committed to serving and supporting low-income Oregonians, urges your support for House Bill 2001. This bill is crucial to address our state's housing crisis and long-term housing supply challenges.

Incorporating the amendments being considered by your committee on February 23, HB 2001 includes several essential elements to respond to our statewide housing crisis. The bill will:

- Provide essential and reasonable negotiated improvements to Oregon's eviction statutes to promote stability and payment rather than displacement and eviction.
- Expand investments in youth homelessness prevention, prioritizing services for school-aged children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and their families.
- Provide \$20 million in grant/loan funds for the construction of low-cost modular housing in wildfire-affected areas and for low- and moderate-income households.
- Provide \$3 million in seed financing for the construction of affordable workforce rental housing.
- Address our long-term housing production challenges by establishing enforceable standards for local jurisdictions to promote the production of abundant, equitable, affordable, and diverse housing options.

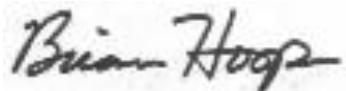
HB 2001 reflects the urgency of the crisis too many Oregonians are experiencing due to lack of housing, inadequate services, and eviction statutes designed for displacement instead of stability. Housing Oregon

and our members appreciate the bi-partisan, bi-cameral, and immediate action on this package by legislative leaders. These measures will help our communities respond to the crisis of homelessness, improve stability and safety for renters across the state, and take essential steps to resolve our long-standing housing supply challenges.

We urge you to support HB 2001 and take swift and decisive action to address the urgent housing needs of low-income Oregonians.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. You can reach me at 503-475-6056 or brian@housingoregon.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hoop". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Brian" on top and "Hoop" below it, slightly overlapping.

Brian Hoop
Executive Director
Housing Oregon