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On Behalf Of: Social Justice Coalition of Central Lutheran Church
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2964

Dear Committee on Housing & Homelessness,

Thank you for hearing HB 2964. As a physician, who knows how homelessness affects health more than any single social situation, and, as a member of Central Lutheran Church, I strongly urge you to support HB 2964.

Our housing crisis is driven so much by the shortage of affordable land to build new housing. Faith organizations such as mine, and other non-profits have land available. But we

don't have the money for the development costs necessary to start a building process. The passage of HB 2694 would unlock land and allow groups like us to move forward in creating affordable housing units.

As a physician, & as a person of faith, I ask you to do this simple thing that would help my houseless neighbors with their basic human need - housing. Faith communities have both land and the moral conviction to build affordable housing units. Please vote YES on HB 2694 as a simple way to face the housing crisis.

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