



Native American Youth and Family Center

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To: Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Campos, Vice-Chair Morgan, and Members of the House Committee on Housing

RE: House Bill 2100 -1: Support

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Campos, Vice-Chair Morgan, and Members of the Committee. For the record, my name is William Miller, I am Blackfeet and Cherokee and I represent the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) located in Portland, Oregon. NAYA's wraparound programs directly serve over 2,000 individual Native American youth, adults, and Elders every year and positively impacts more than 10,000 Native Americans living in Portland's growing Native American community a year. I am writing today in support of House Bill 2100 which includes the -1 amendment.

The NAYA Family Center has worked to provide culturally relevant and responsive services to address the growing issues related to housing and homelessness. As a housing provider and an organization who provides the prevention, intervention, and support of housing instability, it is critical that we modernize our statutes and bring more folks to the table. HB 2100 -1 will work to addressing the root causes of housing instability, homelessness, and will synergistically work toward racial equity by outlining a clear path to include individuals and organizations within BIPOC communities to take part in a solution-driven process. This bill maintains funding, brings more individuals to the table, and modernizes our statutes. The growing housing and homeless crisis are paramount, we must act now to provide critical resources to our communities who need them the most.

On behalf of the Native American Youth and Family Center we urge the passage of House Bill 2100 with the included -1 amendments, for the growth, modernization, and stability of all Oregonians.

Thank you,

William Miller