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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4136

As a member of the 14 Congregation Interfaith Alliance on Poverty, I am writing to urge your support of HB 4136 - ending tax deduction for mortgage interest paid for a taxpayer's second home, and redirects the revenue for assistance in making down payment assistance payments for first-time and first-generation homebuyers.

The housing and homelessness crisis is severe in Oregon, and sustainable housing is critical to alleviating this crisis. This bill would serve to help ease this crisis, as well as provide the pride of ownership of a home - which is currently out of reach for the majority of Oregonians.

Thank-you,

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