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Dear Chairperson Marsh, Vice chairpersons Anderson and Breese-Iverson and members of the committee.

I am writing to express my support for HB 2964. As a person of faith, a member of Madeleine Catholic Parish in NE Portland and a member of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty, I ask for your help and support.

Many of our faith congregations with underutilized land and resources now feel the moral imperative to help our neighbors in need. HB 2964 will be an important asset to increase housing stock for those without it. In order to unlock these land resources and to provide for additional housing units, many faith communities need funds to begin the practical work in pre-development including paying professional fees, completing feasibility studies and beginning the community engagement work to provide for successful projects.

HB 2964 would allow for small grants and loans to help these faith communities. Right now, there are over 60 shovel-ready acres for development. A small investment has the potential for great dividends.

Please join in partnership with our faith communities. We have many of the same goals as you do to increase housing availability, and we have the strength of faith to know what is possible if we work together.

Sincerely,
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