

Thursday, March 27, 2025

**Senator Aaron Woods, Co-Chair
Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
900 Court Street NE, Salem OR 97301**

Dear Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg and Members of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development:

I submit my testimony in support of the need for affordable housing in the state of Oregon. As the Regional Director of Operations for LIHTC / LIFT we experience on site daily the challenge of turning applicants away due to the waitlist at all of the Communities in our portfolio. We strive to offer stable housing and feel saddened when we cannot fulfill this urgent need.

The occupancy levels at all sites remain at capacity between 98% -100%. The need for additional affordable housing for all remains the highest concern for me in both my position and in the interest of humanity. We need this funding to develop more housing to keep the unhoused safe and secure. This basic need is lacking in the state of Oregon as we experience this need every single day in the work we do.

Please consider appropriating these funds to the Housing and Community Services Department.

Respectively submitted,

