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**Senator Kayse Jama**  
Chair, Senate Housing and Development Committee  
900 Court St NE, S-409  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Honorable Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson and members of the Committee:

**RE: Support for HB 3462**

Housing Oregon supports House Bill 3462, the Emergency Housing for All Act, to ensure equity in access to emergency housing in the wake of a disaster. Our members have been involved in new affordable housing production in response to the wildfires of 2020. HB 3462 ensures that emergency housing resources for Oregonians affected by future disasters such as fires are available more quickly, with fewer barriers and without discrimination.

Housing Oregon is a membership-based statewide association of affordable housing community development corporations (CDCs) committed to serving and supporting low-income Oregonians across the housing needs spectrum – from homeless to homeowner.

The bill is a necessary foundation for the legislature's effort to prepare and protect our communities during an emergency response. Emergency response for ALL displaced individuals after a disaster is necessary to ensure the well-being of our communities, our workforce, and our economy.

We urge you to join Housing Oregon in supporting passage of HB 3462. Thank you very much for your consideration of our comments and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

Brian Hoop  
Executive Director  
Housing Oregon