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Committee on Human Services and Housing Oregon House of Representatives Salem, Oregon

Re: HB 2980

Dear Committee Members:

I am submitting this letter in support of HB 2980 for the Agricultural Workforce Housing Tax Credit. The Community Development Law Center is a nonprofit law firm, a program of St. Andrew Legal Clinic, that was formed in 2000 to provide legal services to support housing for low income families in Oregon. Much of our work has been with nonprofit corporations providing housing for farmworkers in rural Oregon. The funds available from the Farmworker Housing Tax Credit has been invaluable in enabling our clients to build housing. Without these funds hundreds of units would not have been built. The housing built by nonprofits using funds from sale of the tax credits is beautiful and healthy housing, contributing to the lives of farmworkers and to the communities in which they live.

We urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2980.

Sincerely,

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