

Capital Construction Sub-Committee of Ways and Means
Oregon Housing and Community Services Bond Package

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Read, Members of the Committee:

We have both a national and local crisis in affordable housing. As a recent article in the Register-Guard pointed out, "In March, the National Low Income Housing Coalition reported a shortage of 7.1 million apartments for low-income renters. The shortages are most pronounced in Nevada, California, Arizona, Oregon, Florida, Colorado and Utah."

<http://registerguard.com/rg/business/33045443-63/1-in-4-u.s.-renters-use-half-their-pay-for-housing-costs.csp>

The result in Eugene is a lot of homeless people and many people paying more than they can afford for housing. We badly need more low-rent apartment buildings. Now that the baby boomers are retiring and having their incomes cut, the problem will only get worse.

I hope you will pass the housing bond package.

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