



ROSE

community development

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Senate Committee on Housing
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Fagan, Vice Chair Girod, Members of the Committee,

I am the Executive Director of ROSE Community Development. Our mission is to connect our community to build good homes, healthy families and neighborhood opportunities in outer southeast Portland. We believe that safe, stable housing is the foundation that Oregonians need to build their lives.

On behalf of the organization, I urge you to support SB 608. There is an overwhelming demand for affordable housing in this state, and ROSE currently has waiting lists at all of our properties. We received more than 400 applications for 48 units at our new Orchards of 82nd development on SE Division. While developing new housing is one part of the solution, it is also key to prevent displacement of renters in the first place. Many of the applicants for our housing come to us after being displaced by no cause evictions or skyrocketing rent increases.

Please vote yes on SB 608 to help keep Oregonians in their homes.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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