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Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development  
State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 5512 – Oregon Housing & Community Services budget

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Dear Co-Chair Manning, Co-Chair Gomberg, and Members of the Committee:

1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice. We support House Bill 5512.

1000 Friends works closely with housing developers to ensure that all Oregonians have the opportunity for diverse and affordable housing choices in every neighborhood. The Oregon House & Community Services agency is key to meeting housing needs of all Oregonians. In particular, they provide technical housing information and expertise that helps to inform the land use policies that my organization, other state agencies, and other nongovernmental organizations work with. OHCS also provides funding to ensure that land is not only zoned to provide the opportunity for diverse and affordable housing types, but that it is developed for those who need the housing. This includes OHCS programs that support developing new and preserving existing affordable homes for sale and rent .

We urge the Committee to support HB 5512. Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy".

Mary Kyle McCurdy  
Deputy Director