

Good evening co-chairs and committee members,

My name is Nancy Wyse, I live in Benton County and am a Benton County Commissioner. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today and want to thank you for all the work that you do, especially during the pandemic and this crazy year- I seriously don't know how you do it all! Thank you!

I am testifying tonight to ask that you pass a budget that invests in safe, stable, and affordable homes for all Oregonians. It seems like every time I turn around in Benton County I see another example of a neighbor, friend, or acquaintance struggling to pay their rent or mortgage, or to find a safe, stable, affordable home.

Benton County has some great housing projects in the pipeline, but the hurdle is funding.

My request is: please provide more money in support of housing, emergency shelters, and rent assistance.

Thank you,

Nancy Wyse