

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Helfrich, and Members of the Committee:

As a resident of rural Oregon, I am proud to write this testimony of support for HB 3138. This bill is crucial in addressing the ongoing housing crisis in rural communities and providing much-needed support to those in need.

The allocation of funds to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services will ensure that the Regional Rural Revitalization Strategies Consortium has the resources it needs to plan and develop new housing. This will provide families and individuals with safe, affordable, and accessible housing, which is vital for their health, safety, and well-being.

The importance of this bill cannot be overstated. With the rising cost of living, many families in rural communities are struggling to afford a roof over their heads. This bill will provide support to those in need and will help to improve the quality of life in these communities. It will also boost the local economy and create new job opportunities, making a real difference in the lives of those who live and work in rural Oregon.

In conclusion, I fully support this bill and urge this Committee to move this bill forward. HB 3138 is a step in the right direction and will help to address the housing crisis in rural communities, providing support to those who need it most.

Sincerely,

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