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Dear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson and members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

The COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges for housing providers. Government mandated eviction moratoria sanctioned millions of Oregonians to not pay rent and remain in their homes. This was a tremendous burden to keep of the status quo of operating their properties without the guarantee of timely rent payments.

When policy makers eventually prioritized righting this imbalance, the restrictive and cumbersome application process impeded housing provider access, while the funds allotted proved inefficient.

SB 67 is an appreciated step in the right direction to repay these sacrifices from housing providers who supported Oregonian renters without any resources. Multifamily NW supports this bill and thanks the sponsors for their leadership in this effort.

Thank you,

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