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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB2761

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Gamba and Helfrich, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to express my strong support for HB2761, which would expand the Housing and Community Services Department's ability to finance affordable residential units within mixed-income or mixed-use housing developments, subject to limits established by the Oregon Housing Stability Council.

As someone who is deeply committed to increasing access to affordable housing in our state, I believe that this bill is an important step forward in addressing the housing crisis that is affecting so many families and individuals across Oregon. By expanding financing options for affordable housing units, we can help ensure that all Oregonians have a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home.

I believe that this bill aligns with my policies and values in support of equitable and sustainable development. Allowing for mixed-income or mixed-use housing developments promotes diversity and inclusion within communities, and supports a more equitable distribution of affordable housing options.

In addition, this bill would provide an important tool for local governments and housing developers to help meet the growing demand for affordable housing in my district and across the state. As such, I strongly urge you to vote in favor of HB2761 and support this critical effort to expand access to affordable housing in Oregon.