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My name is Marcia Loney and I live in Laurel in rural Washington Co. I am writing in support of HB 3482.

As all of us are painfully aware, the issue of houselessness is one of the biggest challenges facing our state right now. There are ever so many faith communities in the tri-county area who have developable acres of land they would love to use for affordable housing to help solve this crisis.

Unfortunately, even with available land and the passion and willingness to create housing on it, such projects often never get started because of the unsurmountable cost of pre-development and technical assistance.

That's where HB 3482 comes in. By providing financial support for the technical side of pre-development and providing resources to assist with project management and community engagement, the door would be opened for a number of faith communities to immediately get started on helping to solve our heartbreaking housing crisis.

I encourage you to give HB 3482 your full support. And, thank you for all the work you are doing to tackle the many challenges facing our state.