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Co-Chairs Holvey and Girod and members of the Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

My name is Jacob Fox and I am the Executive Director of Homes for Good, which is Lane County's Public Housing Authority. We believe that housing is a human right. With this belief as our guide Homes for Good has developed partnership with many community-based organizations across Lane County to build affordable housing communities that provide a home to our most marginalized low-income residents.

Homes for Good Housing Agency, Lane County, and Sponsors Inc. are honored to lead the effort to develop a new Permanent Supportive Housing apartment community that will provide a home to people returning to Lane County after completing their prison sentence. The Coleman will be a mixed-use 4-story community that will provide 52 homes, supportive services office space, a meeting room, and Sponsors' Re-entry Resource Center. This community will be named in honor of the late Dr. Edwin Coleman and his wife Charmaine. Dr. Coleman was an African American professor of English at the University of Oregon and founding board member of Sponsors, Inc., where he and Charmaine, played an active role in the organization spanning five decades.

The Coleman will serve people with conviction histories who have successfully completed Sponsor's bridge housing program by providing permanent housing with a wide array on-site supportive services. Sponsors will provide these services to people living on-site, as well as for their clients who live elsewhere. The land for this apartment community has been donated by Lane County and it is located across the street from Sponsors' Roosevelt Crossing housing community and directly adjacent to the new Lane County Parole and Probation services hub. The Coleman is uniquely positioned to support the people who call it their home in their efforts to grow and thrive as human beings.

Our construction plans and budgeting is complete so what we need is the catalyst of Capital Construction Funding for The Coleman to move the project forward in an expeditious manner to respond to the Governor's priorities focused on delivering a significant increase in housing production and expanding access to behavioural health services.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JAF", is written over a light blue circular watermark.

Jacob Fox
Executive Director