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May 5, 2023

Senator Girod
Representative Holvey
Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 5030, Lottery Bonds, affordable housing preservation

Co-Chairs Girod, Holvey and Members of the Committee:

I write to you today on behalf of Housing Oregon in support of HB 5030, and the inclusion of \$100 million to preserve and maintain existing affordable in Lottery bonds.

Housing Oregon is a statewide membership-based association of over 80 affordable housing Community Development Corporations and ally organizations committed to serving and supporting low-income Oregonians across the housing needs spectrum – from homeless to homeowner.

Of the thousands of regulated affordable apartment homes built across Oregon, some were built by private owners in the past 30 years using resources from the federal government, including rental assistance which helps households with low incomes to pay the rent every month. In many of our smaller rural communities, these buildings are the only affordable apartment homes available. The people who live in these homes are seniors, people experiencing disabilities, and families just starting out.

Currently, some 163 apartment projects with 7,735 units, are at risk of losing affordability due to expiration of affordability restrictions. We have the opportunity to reinvest in these homes and ensure they will continue to be available for the next generation.

Just like schools or hospitals, affordable rental homes need regular investments to ensure they stay safe for people to live in. Investments are needed to replace the roof, make repairs to the exterior of the

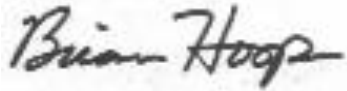
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buildings, and ensure the safety and habitability of these homes for generations to come. Oregon needs to steward these aging homes for future generations without raising rents.

We urge your support for HB 5030 for the inclusion of \$100 million to preserve and maintain affordable housing in communities across Oregon.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the State of Oregon. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions at 503-475-6056 or brian@housingoregon.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hoop". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brian Hoop
Executive Director
Housing Oregon