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Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Edward Buck-Shannon and I am a Policy Associate and Quaker Voluntary Service Fellow at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of faith groups with over 750 member congregations. We operate six direct service programs, including three in the housing space.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon stands in full support of HB 3235. Homeownership is out of reach for so many hardworking Oregonians, especially young people. Homeownership is also a key for building generational wealth and alleviating poverty. This fund will help thousands of Oregonians grow their home equity and become more financially stable.

Funds like this are crucial if we want to create long-term economic stability for our state. We proudly join many of our colleagues in supporting HB 3235 and we urge you to do the same.

Thank you,

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