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Good Afternoon,

My name is Josh Roberston, and I recently moved to Portland with hopes of establishing roots in this city. Like many others, I dream of owning a home in the future, but the reality of Portland's housing market makes that goal feel increasingly out of reach.

The lack of affordable housing is a challenge for so many individuals and families, and without meaningful action, homeownership will remain unattainable for too many. Investing in affordable housing and mixed-use developments is a crucial step toward revitalizing our communities and ensuring that people like me—who want to build a life here—actually have the opportunity to do so.

Organizations like SEI have shown strong leadership in managing resources and creating solutions that benefit the community. Their commitment to housing initiatives is exactly what Portland needs to ensure long-term affordability and economic stability.

I urge you to support policies that expand access to affordable housing and create opportunities for more people to call Portland home. Thank you for your time and consideration.