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Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Chair Senator Khanh Pham, Vice-Chair Senator Dick Anderson

Re: Support for Senate Bill 829

Dear Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson, and members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 829, which is an important step to stabilize Oregon's affordable housing stock.

Northwest Pilot Project (NWPP) is a social service agency with over five decades of experience providing housing stabilization services to low and very low-income older adults, age 55 and over, experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Multnomah County.

NWPP is not a housing provider. As a housing service provider who does not own or operate housing, we depend on the solvency of our housing provider partners to provide needed housing for older adults who face myriad housing challenges. We understand that our housing partners are facing challenges with interest rates, costs of construction and insurance, and the widening gap between fair market rates and the ability for individuals to pay those rents.

We believe SB 829 provides an important step in the journey to address our housing crisis and we urge you to pass this bill.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at aland@nwpilotproject.org or 503.544.7532.

Sincerely,

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