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On Behalf Of: Community Resource Trust
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Transportation and Economic Development
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Senator Aaron Woods, Co-Chair
Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
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Dear Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg and Members of the Subcommittee on
Transportation and Economic Development,

My name is Patty Hinojoza, and I am the Community Manager at Claxter Crossing
Apartments. I have been in property management for 6 years, with almost 4 of those
years being in low-income housing. The reason for this letter is that I am advocating
for the full funding of the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) request
for \$500 million.

Right now, in 2025 Oregon is experiencing rising levels of homelessness, with
approximately 1,300 individuals unsheltered in Salem alone, and approximately
17,959 individuals unsheltered in the state of Oregon. The need for affordable
housing is on high demand, this need I have seen first-hand as many people come in
inquiring about housing and apply to be on our waiting list.

As someone who works w/ low-income families on a daily basis I truly see the
benefits of this opportunity. Providing a roof over their head provides them with so
much more than just shelter and safety, it provides them with better mental health, it
provides them with better job opportunities (better job opportunities require to have
good hygiene, be rested, and put together which is very difficult when homeless), it
provides them with the ability to succeed and progress. From my experience I have
witness families thrive to a more successful life and/or income and then continue
there path outside of affordable housing, and then when that happens, we get to start
the cycle new with new families to then start on their journey. It is truly beneficial to
our community to provide them with these opportunities.

Affordable properties also work very closely with agencies in our community and
build strong partnerships. We frequently bring resources to our residents and do
resident events. These resources are also helping to build stronger and more
knowledgeable individuals which ultimately benefits our community. We help w/
things such as Resume building, Recovery programs, children's programs to help
working parents, & trait information for the local Community College in our area.

Thank you for taking the time to read my input on this matter, and I hope that you
take action to ensure that funding for affordable housing continues to be a priority for
Oregon.

Sincerely,
Patty Hinojoza
Community Manager, Claxter Crossing Apartments