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I'm writing in strong support of HB 5006 and the housing affordability investments it funds.

Oregonians are being priced out of stable housing every day. HB 5006 addresses this crisis by investing in permanent supportive housing, the LIFT program, and affordable housing preservation — all critical lifelines for low-income households across our state. But this work doesn't happen in isolation.

The effectiveness of HB 5006 is strengthened by several aligned housing policies moving through this session:

HB 2138 (Middle Housing Program) expands housing choices statewide by legalizing more types of homes, cutting red tape, and encouraging affordable and accessible development.

SB 684 (Mixed Income Housing Program) jumpstarts stalled affordable housing projects by offering low-cost loans that bridge public and private funding gaps.

HB 2966 (Public Finance Task Force) explores creative strategies to fund the infrastructure that housing depends on, from utilities to transit.

HB 2968 (Deferred SDC Program) makes it cheaper and faster to build homes by deferring high upfront fees through state-backed risk management.

HB 3145 (Innovative Housing Types Program) promotes lower-cost, faster-to-build homes through new construction technologies.

These bills work in tandem to not only fund housing but also fix the underlying barriers that have slowed housing development for too long. HB 5006 ensures we have the funding backbone to make these reforms real and impactful on the ground.

I urge you to fully support HB 5006 and maintain momentum behind these coordinated housing efforts. Every delay in action deepens the crisis. Oregon families deserve better — and this session offers a real chance to deliver.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.