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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

My name is Elie and I live in Portland. I join Portland: Neighbors Welcome in urging you to support and fund the following programs as essential to address Oregon's housing crisis and help Oregon cities and communities to provide homes for people at all ages, wages, and stages:

The Middle Housing program (HB2138) expands housing choices across Oregon and encourages affordable and accessible home ownership by legalizing more housing across the state, cutting red tape, and building incentives for affordable and accessible housing statewide.

The Mixed Income Housing program (SB684) catalyzes mixed-income public development and revitalizes stalled affordable housing projects that have been unable to secure sufficient public funding through low-cost loans while still leveraging private investment.

The Public Finance Task Force program (HB2966) studies innovative ways to fund essential infrastructure, stimulate economic activity, and promote homeownership.

The Deferred System-Development Charges program (HB2968) reduces housing construction costs through state-level risk management that reduces financial risk to cities.

The Innovative Housing Types program (HB3145) accelerates housing production through innovative construction techniques that also lower costs.

Thank you for supporting housing abundance for all of Oregon.