Dear Co-Chairs, Vice Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee,

My name is Tabitha Joaquin, and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 5011, the Home Fund. This vital legislation provides emergency assistance to immigrant Oregonians, helping to prevent eviction and homelessness through trusted community-based organizations.

The ongoing housing crisis has disproportionately affected immigrant communities, often leaving them vulnerable to eviction and instability. By supporting HB 5011, we are taking a crucial step toward ensuring that these individuals and families have access to the resources they need to maintain their homes and livelihoods.

This fund will not only help keep our communities stable but also strengthen our workforce. Immigrant Oregonians contribute significantly to our economy and cultural diversity. When we provide them with the support they need, we foster a stronger, more resilient community that benefits everyone.

Investing in the Home Fund is an investment in the well-being of all Oregonians. I urge you to support this important legislation, which will ensure that our communities remain strong and vibrant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Tabitha Joaquin, (Eugene, Lane County)