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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB684

Hello members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

I am emailing on behalf of myself, a renter in Portland, Oregon. I wholeheartedly urge your passage and support for SB 684.

In my volunteer time, I am a board member for Portland: Neighbors Welcome, and the Land Use chair for the board of Kerns Neighborhood Association.

We are feeling in all of my communities a deep need for housing production to drive affordability, flexibility, and livability in Portland. We are a safe haven and refuge for so many communities right now, including the LGBTQ+ community, and in particular the trans community.

My first living situation in Portland was in sleeping in a van in 2016, and I was sleeping in my van when I started my PhD in Corvallis, OR in 2016. I have "rented" closets, garages, and lived 6 people deep in a 3 bed room house. Poverty and sky high rents are ingrained into my experience in Oregon. It shouldn't have to be this way.

SB 684 will help us anticipate more neighbors and welcome them into our communities. This bill:

? Ensures affordability by prioritizing public ownership, allowing housing authorities to retain ownership and long-term affordability.

? Supports public-private partnerships through co-development agreements, ensuring private developers receive structured returns while public entities maintain affordability protections.

? Maximizes flexibility in private developer exits, allowing rulemaking to ensure negotiated equity returns, cash flow splits, and profit structures that work for both parties.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Andrea Haverkamp, PhD