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Senator Fred Girod and Representative Rob Nosse
Co-Chairs, Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse and Members of the Committee:

As Central Oregon's Housing Authority, Housing Works is the largest owner of affordable housing in the region with about 1500 units and counting, serving over 2600 community members—close to 1% of the region's population. Our ability to serve residents most in need is directly affected by your dedication of LIFT and other funding for affordable housing development.

We strongly support your proposed funding of:

- Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Affordable Rental Program
- Permanent Supportive Housing Program
- Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Homeownership Program

These are essential elements of the affordable housing production system that cover a wide scope of the housing continuum. It is also important to work to preserve the assets we have built, so I encourage the committee to invest in preservation of our existing affordable housing.

Thank you for your ongoing support of housing for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Sincerely,

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