



May 2, 2025

To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
From: Peter Hainley, CASA of Oregon
Re: Support for SB 5506

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

My name is Peter Hainley. I am the executive director of CASA of Oregon. CASA has been working with local communities to create housing, facilities and asset building opportunities for 37 years. We were originally founded to address the lack of housing for farmworkers.

While farmworker housing is a primary focus, we also serve the housing and community needs through our Manufactured Housing Cooperative Development Center (MHCDC). The MHCDC works with residents to help them buy their community and operate it as resident-owned cooperative (ROC). To date, we have completed 28 conversions of 2000 units housing more than 4000 people.

We strongly support your funding for the suite of Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) that supports multi family and homeownership programs. These programs are essential to alleviating the housing shortage we currently facing. The LIFT program covers the continuum of housing needs in the state.

We also want to encourage that the legislature to invest \$285 million in the preservation of manufactured home communities, federally subsidized housing and housing currently stressed by rental arrearages and increases in insurance. These are smart investments to ensure we preserve affordable housing that we already have.

CASA urges you to pass SB 5506 and we thank you for your service to this great state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Hainley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter Hainley
Executive Director