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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or SB5702  
Topic:

RE: Bonds for LIFT Homeownership

Dear Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Nosse, and members of the committee,

I am writing as a Central Oregon resident to urge the Legislature to allocate \$100 million in General Obligation Bonds for the LIFT Homeownership Program in Senate Bill 5702.

Affordable homeownership is essential to the long-term health of our region. In Central Oregon, many of the people who keep our communities running — teachers, health care workers, service workers, and tradespeople, can no longer afford to live where they work. More than half of Bend's workforce now commutes from outside the city due to rising housing costs. This strains families, increases traffic and environmental impacts, and weakens community stability.