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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing in support of the Cathedral Park Cohousing project. As a resident of North Portland, I see a true need for more inclusive, accessible and affordable housing options. I want to live in a place shaped by community and driven by equity.

This 23-unit, universally-designed, mixed-income homeownership development, with 11 units subsidized to make them affordable to workforce housing, is 90% funded. We have a site, a development team, committed pre-sales, the support of local private foundations and OHCS, and a strong community rallying around us. The project needs \$1.4 million to achieve our affordability goal of 11 units of workforce housing and break ground. Without a capital investment now, we lose our ~\$2 million OHCS LIFT commitment. Years of work and millions in public and private investment disappear. The project and a shining example of mixed income homeownership housing that includes an at risk population will unravel and die.

With this project, Oregon will become the first state in the nation to demonstrate this asked for model—a mixed income, self-sustaining, community with permanently affordable units, and people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities as full neighbors.

We are grateful to Representative Isadore for championing this request. I ask this committee to appropriate \$1.4 million to OHICC's Cathedral Park Cohousing in the 2026 Legislative Session.