

Co-Chairs and Members of the Subcommittee:

RE: SB 5701

My name is Chris Hagerman. I am an urban planner but I'm writing today from the perspective of a child of aging parents and as a supporter of the Cathedral Park Cohousing project located at 8506-8522 N. Edison St in House District 33. This 23-unit, mixed-income homeownership development is specifically designed to include people living with disabilities as part of a supportive community. The project is 90% funded and timing is critical to close the gap.

I'm making an urgent and specific request:

Why this is urgent: Funding awarded by the Oregon Housing and Community Services LIFT program will disappear if the remaining \$1.4M of funding isn't obtained soon. Without this additional support, years of work and substantial public and private investment will be lost.

Why this project matters to me: As a child with aging parents, I dream of them finding a small community to contribute to as they enjoy their retirement. I also wonder where they will live in the future as their needs increase—can they also rely on a community to help them? As an urban planner, I've worked on a lot of housing projects, including a number of affordable projects and shelters, and Cathedral Park is the only one that combines multi-generational design with a supportive community. This isn't one large project that is all one demographic — 30% MFI, or just seniors, or just people living with disabilities — it is a new model that builds a diverse community where each resident helps when they can and receives help when they need it.

District 33 Representative Isadore has championed this request. I ask this committee to appropriate \$1.4 million to OHICC's Cathedral Park Cohousing in the 2026 Legislative Session.

Thank you for your consideration of support.



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