

RE: SB 5701

Co-Chairs and Members of the Subcommittee:

My name is Sandra Bundy. I am a relative of the founder of Our Home, Inclusive Community Collaborative and Cathedral Park Cohousing, and I am the aunt of a young woman who would benefit from this community.

My niece has Mowat-Wilson syndrome, a rare genetic condition with widespread impacts and life-long complex care needs. She is 24 years old and would greatly benefit from inclusion in this type of housing. Our disabled population deserves stable, affordable housing, in a safe community, with the supports that they need for survival and neighbors who know and look out for them, so they can thrive in life and not be relegated to the streets for sheer survival.

That is exactly what Cathedral Park Cohousing is designed to be.

This 23-unit, universally-designed, mixed-income homeownership development, with 11 units subsidized to make them affordable to workforce housing, is 90% funded. There is a site, a development team, committed pre-sales, the support of local private foundations and OHCS, and a strong community rallying around us. We need \$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.

We are so close. Please help us bring this innovative model forward into existence for families like that of my niece. Help us provide an opportunity for our disabled citizens to live as normally and productively as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of support.

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