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On Behalf Of:
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RE: SB 5701

Co-Chairs and Members of the Subcommittee:

My name is Hilary Mahon. I am a private donor and supporter of Our Home, Inclusive Community Collaborative and Cathedral Park Cohousing. My family and I have journeyed with Alicia and Our Home as they've sought to find a truly exceptional and unique project. As a special educator, parent and advocate of creative solutions to the challenges that family members of people with disabilities experience, I'm aware of the gap in housing options that exist for this population.

This 23-unit, universally-designed, mixed-income homeownership development, with 11 units subsidized to make them affordable to workforce housing, is 90% funded. Our Home has 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 ours and Oregonians like Alicia's daughter, Neva. Please help bring us all home.

Thank you for your consideration of support.

Hilary Mahon