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**Chair Nosse, Co-Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee:**

I write on behalf of Housing Oregon, our statewide association of mission-driven organizations that build, preserve, and operate affordable rental housing and expand affordable homeownership opportunities across Oregon.

I write to express our appreciation for the careful and disciplined work reflected in HB 5204.

Balancing Oregon's budget in a constrained revenue environment requires difficult decisions. Many Oregonians rely on the housing stability, homelessness prevention, and community development programs supported through this budget. We recognize the complexity of protecting essential services while addressing the state's fiscal realities.

We are grateful for the committee's leadership in advancing a budget that prioritizes stability and minimizes direct program reductions wherever possible. Approaches such as managing vacancies and holding positions open help limit disruption to services that families, seniors, and people with disabilities depend upon every day.

Housing stability is foundational to economic security and community well-being. Protecting these investments during challenging budget cycles helps prevent downstream costs and preserves the infrastructure that supports Oregonians across urban, rural, and frontier communities.

On behalf of Housing Oregon and the residents served by our 147 member organizations, thank you for your thoughtful stewardship and leadership.

**Sincerely,**

Kevin Cronin

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