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Dear Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Commissioners,

I am reaching out on behalf of Multifamily NW, Oregon's largest association of housing providers and rental housing support service providers. We represent nearly 260,000 units of rental housing across the state of Oregon, the majority within the City of Portland.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the 5-part policy proposals addressing the lack of housing units, permitting and administrative efficiencies to fast-track affordable housing development and construction, as well as organizing and connecting critical services for those experiencing homelessness.

The state of Oregon's economists estimate that we are underbuilt by a stunning 110,000 units. At a time when the state is facing a serious housing supply shortage, Multifamily NW enthusiastically supports today's policy proposals that delivers further rental assistance, increases affordable housing construction, and better connects those experiencing homelessness with access to sanitary resources, mental health and substance abuse recovery services.

Thank you for your leadership on these critical issues.

Regards,

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