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Dear Metro President and Councilors,

Welcome Home Coalition, 80 organizations in the Portland Metro Area with the common vision of ensuring everyone has access to an affordable and stable home in our region is writing to urge you to begin convening stakeholder conversations regarding policies for new regional revenue to continue to increase our affordable housing supply. We know the need is great when it comes to more housing supply at all levels, but particularly, for those living at 60% AMI or lower in our region.

We commend Metro and your jurisdictional partners on the implementation of the Metro Affordable Housing Bond passed by voters in 2018. The success of this bond is clear- estimated to create around 800 more apartments and homes than originally promised to voters. Further, this bond is creating over 1,200 apartments that are affordable to residents living on very low incomes, 0-30% AMI. Hundreds of apartments are paired with funding to offer the essential wrap around supports that help people who have experienced chronic homelessness stay housed. Additionally, this bond has increased the number of two or more-bedroom homes in our region by more than 1,600 for families living on lower incomes. These are the sustainable solutions to our housing crisis we need. What's more, public opinion research we commissioned this summer showed that nearly two thirds of voters approve of building new affordable housing and offering supportive services as an approach to address our homelessness crisis.

Our coalition wants to see us all continue to make public investments that allow our affordable housing pipeline to continue the upward trajectory it's been on in recent years thanks to the two local voter backed affordable housing bonds. Considering that Metro's \$653 million of Affordable Housing Bond funds are on track to be fully allocated by the end of 2024, we ask that Metro convene stakeholders quickly to explore potential revenue generating policies to continue funding affordable housing development. Thank you for your consideration and public service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Hogan".

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