



We know the way home.

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Dear Mayor Beebe, President Uffelman, and Councilmembers:

I am writing to thank you for the efforts the Prineville City Council continues to make to increase housing affordability as you evaluate the Middle Income Revolving Loan program (“MIRL”).

As the region’s hometown (and largest) provider of affordable housing, Housing Works is proud of our prior partnerships with the City and the safe and beautiful housing that we’ve been able to jointly provide to some of Prineville’s lowest income families and seniors. We look forward to continuing that partnership for many years to come.


Unfortunately, there is a gap in availability of incentives and opportunities to develop housing that is for middle-income wage earners, those who make too much to qualify for our communities, but not enough to afford market rate housing. The MIRL tool was created to address this gap by allowing cities the flexibility to invest tax revenue up front to help ensure housing is built now, when it may be most needed. While this tool was not intended for entities like Housing Works, we celebrate its availability so that market rate developers may continue to add to the housing supply and help relieve some of the burden for all renters across the community.


Thank you for consideration of the MIRL and the effect it may have on housing affordability across Prineville.


Sincerely,

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