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Habitat WA in Olympia Day 2020

January 28th is a special day for us at Habitat Washington. Not only is it Potato Day at the State Capitol - It's also Habitat Washington in Olympia Day!

This year, over 20 people representing 10 affiliates from across Washington descended onto Olympia in the early morning with one goal - to share with lawmakers the importance of bringing down the Cost of Home all across Washington. We were able to do that - and then some!

Whether it was in a packed room to the House Committee on Housing, Community Development & Veterans or one of the 20 one-on-one meetings between legislators and affiliates, Habitat staff and volunteers made the case to lawmakers that bringing down the Cost of Home needs to be a priority throughout the 2020 legislative session!

It wasn't all work all the time though. Habitat team members were able to have fun across the Capitol campus, seeing where bills are hotly debated in the legislature, (♫ in the room where it happens ♫) enjoying the potatoes brought by farmers across Washington for the annual Potato Day,
and even taking some pretty cool selfies!

Read more about our Lobby Day shenanigans on our blog here and check out social media through #HFHinOly and #CostofHome on both Facebook and Twitter. While you are at it - make sure to follow us for all of the most recent news about the Cost of Home campaign here in Washington State and to learn more about what can be done to make a difference in communities all across Washington.

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**Legislative updates**

Did you know that we have a robust legislative agenda that encompasses a whole host of housing topics? We've been working at the legislature to accomplish a wide range of things that will make it easier for affordable housing of every kind. Check out our legislative agenda here and if you want to know how you can get involved, reach out here!

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**Habitat on the Hill 2020 - We've Only Just Begun**

We don't just stop at the state border when it comes to advocating for affordable housing - we do it in the OTHER Washington as well! This month will see a Washington State delegation in DC to talk to our lawmakers there about what can be done federally to reduce the Cost of Home. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to see the latest!

Thank you for reading second edition of the Cost Of Home Monthly Newsletter. I appreciate you taking the time to read and please let me know if there are things you would like to see in future editions. Also - we are looking for creative names for our newsletter. If you have an idea, please let me know at ryan@habitatwa.org.

Sincerely,

**Ryan Donohue**