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HB 3007: Opportunity to Purchase for Manufactured Home Park Residents

Members of the House Human Services & Housing Committee 900 Court Street, NE, Room 453 Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Tomei, Vice-Chair Gomberg, Vice-Chair Olson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you in support of HB 3007, which would strengthen the opportunity for residents of manufactured home parks across Oregon to purchase the park from their owner at a full and fair price, if they chose to sell.

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of organizations serving all parts of Oregon. We are concerned about the availability of safe, decent and affordable housing for all Oregon residents, particularly residents who have limited incomes. We come together as a coalition because we know the importance of a stable home in affording Oregonians the ability to maximize their potential and build better futures for themselves and their loved ones.

The Housing Alliance supports HB 3007 because we know that manufactured home parks are one of the largest sources of privately owned affordable housing in Oregon. These communities are home to seniors and people with disabilities living on fixed incomes, and families who are just starting out. They provide a stable and affordable place to call home for our neighbors.

Tenants in manufactured home parks own their own homes, but rent space from a landlord. When owners chose to sell parks, residents are forced to abandon their homes because their homes often are unable to be moved or relocated. All across Oregon, residents of manufactured home parks are at risk of losing their homes.

We know how to help maintain this critical resource for affordable housing. By allowing residents the opportunity to make a full and fair offer to their landlords, we can help ensure residents across Oregon can remain in their homes.

Housing is the foundation of our communities. We can ensure Oregonians can remain stably housed in communities of their choice. We urge you to support HB 3007 and help give residents of manufactured home parks the opportunity to purchase their park.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony, and for your work on behalf of Oregon communities.

Sincerely,

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Alison McIntosh On Behalf of the Housing Alliance