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House Committee on Human Services and Housing  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
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Dear Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice Chair Noble, Vice-Chair Sanchez, and members of the Committee,

I write you today on behalf of NeighborWorks Umpqua to express the organization’s support for HB 2894, HB 2895 and HB 2896, which support manufactured homes becoming safe, healthy and affordable housing option for Oregonians across the state.

NeighborWorks Umpqua is a rural-focused housing and community development corporation committed to promoting opportunity for all. Working primarily in the 5 counties of Southwestern Oregon (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson & Josephine), the organization has witnessed firsthand how manufactured homes are an important part of the housing ecosystem in our communities, and the strain put on families to maintain their inefficient, aging manufactured homes at or below 100% Area Median Income. Especially in parks, manufactured home owners completely bear the burden of decommissioning older homes, and cannot benefit from regular types of financing offered to site-built home owners. As such, this affordable option, allowing working people to create homes for their families, comes with none of the support or mechanisms used to preserve other affordable housing options in the same ecosystem.

For these reasons, NeighborWorks Umpqua supports the changes made to the ‘how’ of manufactured housing proposed in HB 2894, HB2895, and HB2896. The proposed bills not only allow organizations like NeighborWorks Umpqua to support owners of manufactured housing have a safe, healthy and affordable place to call home, but support our communities becoming more livable and more resilient.

Sincerely,

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