

Dear Sirs,

I am a resident of the Harbor Village RV and Mobile Home Park in Newport, Oregon. I am writing to urge you to please, please support the acquisition of \$100 million in lottery bond funds for the preservation of manufactured housing in our state. The need is critical. Real estate and rental prices are out of reach for even people of moderate income in our area. Many of our residents at Harbor Village are seniors, disabled, veterans, service workers with low-paying essential jobs, or retired people on fixed incomes. The \$100 million lottery bond measure would directly help provide affordable housing for people like us. Harbor Village has formed a co op to purchase our park to preserve the homes of 400 people in Newport (201 units) and need state grants to make this purchase a reality and keep our space rents affordable. At an estimated cost of \$35,000 per space, this means we will need \$7 million to keep our park going... very much cheaper than building NEW subsidized housing on the current market! Please pass SB 5534 to increase the amount of funding available for projects like ours. It's a realistic way of addressing the spiralling affordable housing and homeless crisis in our state. Thank you!