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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3151

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Gamba and Helfrich, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to express my strong support for HB3151, which addresses several critical issues related to affordable housing, manufactured dwelling parks, and legal assistance for low-income facility tenants.

As someone who has always been committed to ensuring that everyone has access to safe, affordable housing, I believe that this bill will make a significant difference in the lives of many Oregonians. By limiting the improvements that landlords of manufactured dwelling parks can require of tenants, the bill will protect vulnerable populations and ensure that they are not subject to unfair and excessive demands.

I appreciate that this bill extends the sunset for grants for legal assistance for low-income facility tenants and for the existence of the Manufactured and Marina Communities Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee. This is a critical step in ensuring that those who are most vulnerable are able to access the legal help they need to protect their rights and ensure that they are not taken advantage of by unscrupulous landlords.

I also strongly support the expansion of affordable housing that is developable on nonresidential lands and the expansion of the manufactured dwelling park preservation loan program to allow loaned moneys to be used to develop new parks. These measures will help ensure that there are enough affordable housing options available to those who need them most, and that we are doing everything we can to preserve and improve our existing manufactured dwelling parks.

I believe that this bill is an important step forward for Oregon, and I urge you to support it. Thank you for your time and consideration.