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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB2001

RE: In support of HB 2001

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jaqueline A. Gomez and I have lived in Washington County for 15 years and I am concerned about the situation of homelessness that affects our community, before it was rare to see a Latino in a homeless situation but every day we see with sadness that homelessness is growing in my community and we have to act now for everyone.

By this means I address you in a respectful way to express that I have seen how the number of people who are living with a relative in an apartment has grown since they cannot pay rent alone and in turn these families are having problems because this situation is a violation of the rental contract and they are being asked to evict their relatives or they themselves will be evicted.

Personally this affects me since I lived this situation and now fortunately I have a stable home but I do not stop worrying about the situation that is happening around me, what is happening with my community.

We need legislation in an effective way to make changes to these housing laws and that those of us who have a home have the certainty that we will remain stable in our housing. The situation is worrisome, rents are rising and I am also concerned about people who their retirement plan barely covers their housing and if they have a disability and cannot work where will they get the rest of the money for their rent? It is worrying because there are many people already of retirement age who because they are not legal citizens do not receive a retirement plan and if we do not rapidly create legislation to address this, this situation will continue to grow in a distressing way.

We need your support to meet this basic need and create a fund where communities can have access to resources that help them prevent an eviction, so we continue to

insist on your support for a yes to Stables Homes for Oregon Families.

Respectfully.

Jaqueline A