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Rep. Maxine Dexter, Chair, and Members
House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
State Capitol
Salem, OR

Re: HB 3151, -3: manufactured dwelling parks

Dear Chair Dexter and Committee Members:

1000 Friends of Oregon supports HB 3151, with the -3 amendment. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice.

Rep. Marsh has worked diligently with many stakeholders to ensure HB 3151, -3 continues and expands Oregon's commitment to one of the most affordable home ownership opportunities for Oregonians, and that can be developed fairly quickly: manufactured dwelling parks. The bill clarifies the rights of park residents; expands the definition of affordable housing to include manufactured dwelling parks; and expands the state's loan authority to include constructing new parks (not just acquiring existing parks).

HB 3151 is a critical piece of Oregon's efforts to meet the housing needs of all Oregonians, and particularly those of moderate and lower incomes. We urge the Committee to support HB 3151, with the -3 amendment. Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy".

Mary Kyle McCurdy
Deputy Director