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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Rep. Dexter, Vice-Chairs Rep. Gamba and Rep. Helfrich,

My name is John Curtis. I am fortunate to live in an accessible house which was built in 1994 for me (a quadriplegic) and my parents who aged and died here. This home permits me to access every room and the grounds outside with my motorized wheelchair.

But I know that my living circumstances could change in an instant. Should the property owner sell this house, I would need to find accessible housing in southern Oregon. There is none available. So, I would be forced to live in a more restrictive environment. Foster homes, Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Facilities just do not appeal to me at this stage of my life. I prefer in-home care.

My community, people with disabilities, need a larger pool of accessible rental units. HB 3309 is another step toward that goal. Please, give it your support.