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Senator Kayse Jama, Chair, and Members  
Senate Committee on Housing and Development  
State Capitol  
Salem, OR

Re: HB 3151A: manufactured dwelling parks

Dear Chair Jama and Committee Members:

1000 Friends of Oregon supports HB 3151A. 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.

House Bill 3151A continues and expands Oregon's commitment to one of the most affordable home ownership opportunities for Oregonians, which can also be developed fairly quickly: manufactured dwelling parks. Oregon's land use planning program recognizes "mobile home or manufactured dwelling parks" and "manufactured homes" as "needed housing," just as it does attached and detached housing, multi- and single-family housing, etc.... ORS 197.303(1)(c),(d).

However, as a practical matter, to enable this affordable form of housing to grow requires some clarifications and additions. HB 3151A accomplishes this by, among other things:

- Clarifying the respective rights of park residents and park owners;
- Expanding the definition of affordable housing to include manufactured home parks for purposes of developing housing on non-residential lands;
- Expanding the state's loan authority to include constructing new parks (not just acquiring existing parks).

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

Sincerely,

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

Mary Kyle McCurdy  
Deputy Director