



February 13, 2024

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

From: Peter Hainley, CASA of Oregon

Re: SB 1530

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson and members of the committee,

My name is Peter Hainley and I am the Executive Director of CASA of Oregon. CASA has been working with local communities to create housing, facilities and asset building opportunities for 35 years. We provide homeownership opportunities through the preservation of manufactured home communities as resident owned manufactured home communities (ROCs). We also provide down payment assistance through Individual Development Accounts and we also are a developer of affordable new rental housing and assist in the preservation of existing affordable housing.

In 2021, the legislature provided \$45,000,000 specifically for park preservation. CASA was able to create six ROCs (using about \$34,000,000) representing about 300 units for a averaging \$113,000 per unit. In the 2023 legislature, \$50,000,000 was allocated for **ALL** preservation efforts and OHCS is proposing to allocate only \$5,000,000 for park preservation. This will be sufficient to preserve only one park of approximately 80-100 spaces. The legislature has not allocated any funds for preservation. **We ask that you allocate \$30,000,000 for preservation funding.**

In the -3 amendments, \$15,000,000 has been removed for first time home buyers. We would ask that you restore this funding as the state needs to ensure opportunities for homeownership. In our ROCs, many of the homes are dilapidated and need to be replaced. We are also developing new ROCS and grant financing will be crucial for us to serve folks with limited assets and incomes.

We urge your support of this HB 1530 and ask that you restore the \$15,000,000 for homeownership and provide \$30,000,000 in preservation funding. Thank you.