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On Behalf Of: To preserve affordable housing

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I hope this letter finds you well. My name is [Your Name], and I am a concerned citizen residing in [City, State]. I am reaching out to you with a sense of urgency to address a critical issue affecting numerous families in our community: the need for decent and affordable housing.

As someone directly involved in the well-being of our city's residents, I have witnessed the challenges faced by those with limited resources who seek to improve their lives. Housing has always been and will continue to be a fundamental need in our society. In our efforts to promote economic growth in a challenging environment, we have worked diligently to provide dignified housing at affordable costs, offering young individuals the opportunity to be involved in the construction and design of our communities.

It is crucial to emphasize that, as we strive to build a more sustainable future, we have chosen not to focus on unnecessary luxuries. Our goal is to enable those residing in our communities to save on basic services, efficiently using available resources so they can concentrate on their education and supporting their families.

Unfortunately, the stability of these homes is threatened by the possibility of private investors acquiring portfolios of manufactured home parks and apartments. These investors, with minimal adjustments, double the prices, resulting in the destabilization of numerous families. Many of our fellow citizens face the difficult choice between paying a significant rent increase or risking homelessness.

Our motto is clear: "Housing is just the beginning." We work tirelessly to help Oregon residents acquire their first homes. However, the ruthless purchase of portfolios by private investors creates a chain of detrimental events that leave many families in desperate situations. Children, adults, and the sick are affected, and the cycle perpetuates the issue of homelessness.

I urge you, as my representative in Congress, to take action to address this crisis. We need legislative measures that protect our communities from real estate speculation and ensure that affordable housing remains accessible to those who need it most. Additionally, I request your support in advocating for measures that provide stability to families and prevent unjust evictions.

As an employee directly committed to the needs of our tenants, I am available to

provide additional information, share success stories, and collaborate on any effort that promotes dignified housing.

I sincerely appreciate your attention to this critical matter and hope to count on your support in safeguarding human well-being through decent housing.

Sincerely,  
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