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February 11, 2025

House Committee on Housing and Homelessness 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2316

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Manufactured Housing Association (OMHA) is pleased to **support HB 2316**. This bill takes a significant step toward addressing Oregon's housing shortage by opening more land for affordable homeownership, creating new opportunities for middle- and lower-income households. By designating Home Start Lands, HB 2316 helps remove key barriers to housing development, ensuring that land is available for cost-effective, efficient production. This approach not only expands access to homeownership but also strengthens Oregon's housing industry by providing a clear path for local manufacturers to partner in building sustainable, affordable homes.

As an organization representing nearly 70 businesses comprised of factories, dealers, lenders, contractors, communities, and others involved in manufactured housing, OMHA recognizes the significant impact this legislation can have in supporting a strong labor market while delivering much-needed housing solutions. The OMHA commends Representative Mannix for bringing forward this bill. We urge the committee to support HB 2316.

Sincerely,

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