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On Behalf Of: Southern Oregon Housing For All
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3644

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To: Chair and Member of the the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,
Fr; Rich Rohde 124 Ohio St Ashland, OR 97520

I am a 40 year resident of southern Oregon (Ashland) and have almost that long experience with unhoused folks here in our community.

Before I retired I was an organizer with Oregon Action which is now Unite Oregon. I have served on the City of Ashland Housing & Human Services Community Advisory Committee, All Care and Jackson Care Connect Community Advisory Commitees as well the Jackson County Public Health Advisory Committee.

Certainly we all have seen the incredible rise in the number of unhoused who are now both sheltered and unsheltered.

While our cities of Medford and Ashland have made consistant progress dveloping shelter alternatives this has in now way kept pace with the number of folks who seek shelter every day/night.

I strong urge you to support this most needed bill HB 3644 as while we have been fortunate to grow more shelter we have not been able to keep pace with the need with funding and with clear understanding of the best form that shelter should take to be effective.

Southern Oregon Housing For All (SOHFA) is a group of volunteers who are dedicated to support unhoused, unshelterd every day and night with storage, meals,needed equipment, clothing etc. We are still without enough shelter and we all experience the daily need. Please vote for this bill to bring clarity and support for the much needed local sheltering programs, Thank you for your consideration,