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Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallen, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Odalis Aguilar Aguilar and I am a political coordinator at Oregon AFSCME. Our union represents over 39,000 workers across the state in both public and private sectors and we believe in economic and social justice for all Oregon workers and their families. I am writing to express our strong support for HB 3194, a bill that will help protect workers from unsafe and illegal housing conditions.

This bill ensures landowner accountability where those who lease property to unregistered housing providers must take reasonable steps to ensure their tenants are legally registered and compliant with state rules around labor housing registration. This closes a loophole that has allowed negligent landowners to avoid responsibility for extreme worker exploitation.

Reports show that some workers in Oregon are being forced to live in terrible conditions, including makeshift shelters made of tarps and plywood or even no running water or bathrooms. Since 2020, most citations for unregistered labor camps have been tied to cannabis operations, but all workers should live in safe and decent housing. Right now, landowners can allow these camps on their property and face no consequences if the camp operators disappear after the season ends.

No worker, no matter the sector should live in inhumane conditions just because landowners fail to do their due diligence.

Our union urges you to support HB 3194 to ensure workers across the state are able to have access to safe housing conditions. Thank you for your time and consideration.