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Senate Committee on Housing and Development 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for SB 438 & SB 878

Dear Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Manufactured Housing Association (OMHA), I submit this testimony in support of SB 438 and SB 878, both of which provide critical pathways to expanding housing opportunities in rural areas. These bills recognize the need for flexibility in housing development by allowing property owners outside urban growth boundaries to site an additional home for family members, addressing a growing need for multi-generational living and affordable housing solutions.

Manufactured homes provide an ideal solution for this type of housing expansion. OMHA member factories are well-equipped to supply high-quality, cost-effective homes that meet the needs of rural Oregonians, ensuring that families can remain close while maintaining financial independence. The flexibility provided by SB 438 and SB 878 will support housing affordability, allow rural homeowners to maximize their land use, and create more homeownership opportunities for Oregonians who might otherwise struggle to find suitable housing. We urge the Legislature to pass these bills and continue supporting policies that promote attainable and sustainable housing solutions.

Sincerely,

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