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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 3007

Chair Tomei, Vice-Chair Gomberg, Vice Chair Olson and Members of the Committee:

I urge your support of HB 3007, a useful tool to encourage the retention of affordable housing for seniors, hard-working families, and others Oregonians on limited incomes. This well-thought out measure establishes a process that will allow tenants of manufactured home parks to purchase the property, instead of seeing the park sold to another owner who might raise rents to unaffordable levels or close the park and redevelop the property.

Meeting the need for affordable housing in every part of Oregon will require a variety of options. Preservation of existing housing stock, including manufactured homes, is an essential part of a strategy to address this need.

Residents of manufactured home parks have limited options. For many, moving their trailer or manufactured home is not an economically viable option. A park sale can leave a homeowner homeless. Although this has not happened with any parks in my county, Lincoln County, it has occurred in other parts of Oregon. Although the bursting of the real estate bubble eased some of the pressures that drove conversion of park properties, residents continue to live with this sword over their heads. HB3007 offers a well-thought out process that protects the interests of residents, while not placing a hardship or burden on park owners, whose economic interests will be protected.

