



Member Organizations

211 Info
AFSCME Local #3135
Bienestar
CASA of Oregon
Central City Concern
City of Eugene
City of Gresham
City of Portland
City of Tigard
Clackamas County
Clackamas Housing Action Network
Coalition for a Livable Future
Community Action Partnership of Oregon
Community Action Team, Inc.
Community Alliance of Tenants
Community Housing Fund
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Enterprise Community Partners
Fair Housing Council of Oregon
Farmworker Housing Development Corp.
Habitat for Humanity of Oregon
Hacienda CDC
Homeless Families Coalition
Housing Advocacy Group of Washington Co.
Housing Development Center
Impact Northwest
JOIN
Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center
League of Women Voters of Oregon
Lincoln County
Metro
NAYA Family Center
Neighborhood Economic Development Corp.
Neighborhood Partnerships
NeighborWorks Umpqua
Network for Oregon Affordable Housing
Northwest Housing Alternatives
Northwest Pilot Project
Oregon Action
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Housing Authorities
Oregon Opportunity Network
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc.
Proud Ground
Raphael House
REACH CDC
Rose CDC
St. Vincent DePaul of Lane County
Shelter Care
Sisters Of The Road
Street Roots
Transition Projects, Inc.
Washington County
Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services

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Letter of Support, HB 2417

Members of the House Veterans Services & Emergency Preparedness Committee
900 Court Street, NE, Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Matthews, Vice-Chair Fagan, Vice-Chair Parrish, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today to express support for HB 2417. HB 2417 will increase an existing document recording fee passed in 2009 (HB 2436) by \$5. This would increase the fee charged on the first page of real estate related recordings. Funds raised through this fee will go to work across the range of housing needs, from ending homelessness to affordable housing to homeownership for veterans.

The Housing Alliance believes that everyone needs a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. Right now, too many veterans in Oregon struggle to find a safe, decent place to live. One out of every six men and women in our homeless shelters once wore a uniform in service to our country. Veterans working in some of the most common jobs available through the Department of Labor's specialized training programs do not earn enough to afford to buy a median-priced home in many Oregon communities.

Funds raised through HB 2417 will provide emergency rent assistance to help veterans either prevent or end homelessness, will finance the building or rehabilitation of housing for veterans, and will provide downpayment assistance for veterans ready to take the step to homeownership.

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of nearly sixty organizations across the state that has come together out of a concern for those in our communities that do not have a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home, or access to a community that provides a range of opportunities and services. We know that we all benefit when our neighbors have full access to opportunity.

The Housing Alliance believes that we all have a stake in addressing the problems our communities and neighbors are facing, because our communities are better and stronger when we provide opportunity to all of our residents. Oregon's Veterans deserve a comprehensive plan which addresses all of their needs—from supportive housing for people returning with disabilities or injuries, to rent assistance to help prevent or end homelessness to assistance in buying their first home. Smart investments by the State can help our veterans return with dignity and leverage the federal resources they are entitled to.

We urge you to support HB 2417. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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On behalf of the Housing Alliance