



March 14, 2013

Dear Rep. Tomei,

I'm writing today to urge your support for two bills you will be considering this Friday - the Agriculture Workforce Housing Tax Credit - HB 2980 - and Veterans' Housing - HB 2417. I know that the legislature is struggling to balance priorities within tight budgets. These two bills will meet critical housing needs in your district and throughout the state.

As you know, ROSE is a neighborhood-based organization working to revitalize your district by creating good homes and economic opportunities. We work every day with people who are able to turn their lives around thanks to the base that stable, affordable housing provides.

The Agriculture Workforce Housing tax credit is a proven, effective tool. It leverages federal and private investment to build quality housing in communities and on farms around the state. It helps keep Oregon's agricultural workers and their families out of unacceptable, inhumane living conditions. Please vote yes for HB 2980.

Oregon's Veterans deserve a comprehensive plan which addresses their urgent housing needs. ROSE works with the Veterans Administration to place veterans in our housing. Did you know that Oregon ranks fourth among all states in both percentage of the population that are veterans and the percentage of veterans that are homeless? Please vote yes for HB 2417.

Thank you for your service to outer southeast Portland neighborhoods. We are fortunate to have you as our representative in Salem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Sauvie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Nick Sauvie
Executive Director