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Dear Chair Tomei and Members of the House Human Services and Housing Committee,

I write today in support of HB 3007, which will help preserve low income housing in our state. This legislation allows tenants of mobile home parks the opportunity to purchase their facility when the owner decides to sell the property.

As you know, there is a shortage of affordable housing options, particularly in Multnomah County. The 94 manufactured home parks in Multnomah County are crucial to our affordable housing stock.

If an owner of a mobile home park decides to sell their property, residents have a very difficult time relocating to a new site. HB 3007 will give mobile home residents the opportunity and a reasonable time frame in which to join together, either alone or in cooperation with a non-profit organization or housing authority, to place an offer on the facility.

Buying the property themselves will allow residents to stay in their homes and preserves much needed affordable housing units in our community. In addition, allowing residents to purchase their mobile parks gives added incentives to maintain the facility and keep the park safe. In a time of diminished resources for creating new affordable housing options, alternatives like HB 3007 provide low-cost, innovative and viable solutions for our communities.

I urge you to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

Deborah Kafoury