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## Please Support Manufactured Home Park Residents Opportunity to Purchase Compromise Bill HB 4038-1

I am Janet Byrd, Executive Director of Neighborhood Partnerships and the convener of the Housing Alliance. We urge your support of HB 4038 with the dash one amendments. The Housing Alliance is a coalition of organizations concerned about maintaining access to safe decent and affordable housing in communities across Oregon. We're asking the Legislature to take action in 2014 to ensure housing opportunity, by ensuring that residents of manufactured home parks be given notice of potential sales of the parks in which they live.

Manufactured home parks are one of the largest sources of privately owned affordable housing in Oregon, providing about 65,500 homes in Oregon. These communities are home to seniors and people with disabilities living on fixed incomes, and families who are just starting out. They provide a stable and affordable place to call home for our neighbors.

Legislation was proposed in 2013 (HB 3007) and supported by the Housing Alliance that did not advance. A workgroup with representatives from park owners, resident advocates, and the Housing Alliance led by Representatives Whisnant and Nathanson met over the summer and fall. The resulting compromise proposal, captured in HB 4038-1, represents significant and meaningful concessions by both park owners and residents. It includes positive changes to current law for both sides.

Our goal is to allow residents to compete to buy their parks from willing landlord/owner sellers, but with a process which is comparable to the practices of the private market. HB 4038-1 sets out clear and reasonable timelines, provides tenants with notice and the opportunity to make an offer. Owners may solicit other offers as well, and then accept the best offer.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to live in a safe, stable place they can call home. Oregon can do more to ensure that residents of manufactured home parks remain stably housed even when a park owner decides to sell. Thank you for your actions to ensure housing opportunity.