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In Support of House Bill 4038A
Senate General Government and Consumer Protection Committee – Feb. 17, 2014
Submitted by: John Miller, Oregon Opportunity Network

Chair Shields and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Opportunity Network (Oregon ON), thank you for the opportunity to weigh in with our support for HB 4038A. This compromise solution from the workgroup established in the 2013 session would ensure that residents in manufactured housing parks are notified when owners choose to sell, so that tenants have the opportunity to make a competitive offer to acquire the park.

As you know, the residents of manufactured housing are predominantly seniors, veterans, people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. Resident ownership has proven to be an effective model to help prevent the loss of this affordable housing option and to help these folks stay in their homes.

Oregon ON is a membership-based, statewide association of affordable housing and community development organizations that provide housing and economic opportunity for working families, people with disabilities, seniors and others struggling to meet their needs in communities throughout Oregon.

We see the preservation of manufactured home parks, and in particular the resident ownership model, as a key strategy to provide safe, decent, affordable housing to some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to voice our support of HB 4038A and common-sense compromise around this issue, and for your service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

John Miller

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