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**House Revenue Committee
February 1, 2016
Hearing on HB 4081**

Testimony from Peter Hainley, Executive Director
Community and Shelter Assistance Corp. (CASA of Oregon)

Chair Barnhart and members of the Committee:

For 28 years, CASA of Oregon, a statewide non-profit organization, has been creating housing and economic opportunities for Oregonians. We focus our work in the rural parts of the state.

CASA supports HB 4081, which will ensure that non-profit owners of affordable homes who had qualified for property tax exemptions because of the mission oriented, charitable nature of their work will continue to have those properties be classified as exempt. HB 4081 will provide certainty to both non-profit owners and the residents of the apartments covered by this bill. The exemption is a key component to keeping rents affordable.

I urge your support of HB 4081 and look forward to working with you on additional long term solutions to the affordable housing crisis facing our state.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Hainley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Hainley
Executive Director