



Helping People Help Themselves

February 4, 2016

Oregon State Representative Duane Stark
900 Court Street H-372
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Stark:

I am writing on behalf of ACCESS, a community action agency and affordable housing developer in Jackson County. We wish to express our support for House Bill 4079.

As you know, our county is experiencing a crisis of affordable housing for low and moderate-income residents, with a rental vacancy rate currently hovering just above 1%. As we work with our partner organizations to find housing for homeless veterans, seniors and people with disabilities, and low-wage working families with children, we struggle to find available rental apartments or homes.

ACCESS itself struggles to find available vacant land on which to build new units of affordable housing, whether multi-family or single family. We believe that this proposed legislation could be a positive step towards helping our community find new options for construction. We support the idea for a pilot program as described in this bill.

Thank you for your commitment to affordable housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jacqueline J. Schad'.

Jackie Schad
Executive Director