



February 12, 2016

Dear Chair Barnhart and Members of the Rules Committee:

ROSE Community Development connects our community to build good homes, healthy families and neighborhood opportunities in outer southeast Portland. We have been witnessing first hand some of the impacts of our housing crisis in this area. Nearly all the waitlists for our housing have been closed due to overwhelming demand for over a year. There is simply not enough housing that is affordable for Oregonians.

We know that a stable, safe place to call home is the key to success. We know the policy and resource strategies that can put us back on track to meeting the housing needs of the most vulnerable Oregonians.

We urge you to take bold action this session for housing opportunity, including immediate adoption of HB 4143. In addition to these emergency renter protections contained in HB 4143, we also urge the Legislature to invest in housing development, preservation, and homelessness prevention.

Thank you very much for your consideration of HB 4143, and for all your work on behalf of Oregonians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Sauvie". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Nick Sauvie

Executive Director