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Maintain affordability of housing across Oregon through property tax exemptions

Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

February 25, 2016

House Bill 4081 Relating to Exemption from Property Taxation for Low-Income Housing

Chair Hass and Members of the Committee,

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of more than seventy organizations from all parts of the state. Our members have come together with the knowledge that housing opportunity is the base on which all of our success is built – individual success as students, parents, workers, and community members as well as the success of our communities. We represent a diverse set of voices from residents to local jurisdictions to non-profit housing developers and organizations working to meet basic needs in every corner of our state.

The Housing Alliance supports HB 4081, which will help ensure that between 1,500 and 2,000 homes that are affordable today to individuals and families living on lower incomes stay affordable. We are facing a housing crisis of unprecedented proportions in Oregon, and we cannot afford to step backwards.

HB 4081 eliminates a sunset passed in 2014 as part of HB 4039. It will ensure that nonprofit 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 nonprofit owners and the residents of the apartments covered by this bill. This bill maintains the status quo for owners, residents, and local jurisdictions.

On behalf of the Housing Alliance, I urge your prompt consideration and support of HB 4081. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Byrd".

Janet Byrd

On Behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance



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