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Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services and Housing  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon

Dear Representative Keny-Guyer,

I am writing to proffer support of the Portland Housing Bureau for HB 2961, an important piece of legislation that would establish and fund a Home Repair and Rehabilitation Program to help low-income homeowners maintain and repair their homes. Particularly compelling is the inclusion of manufactured homes, residential trailers, mobile homes, and condominium units as eligible for assistance, for there are even fewer resources available for owners of these property types which tend to have even greater maintenance and repair needs.

Rehabilitation assistance not only helps homeowners to maintain the structural integrity of their homes, but can protect against potential health and safety hazards that can cause instability for vulnerable low-income families and contribute to involuntary displacement.

Passing HB 2961 will provide valuable home repair support to help low-income families retain their homes and protect their health.

Sincerely,

Kurt Creager  
Director