

Dear Chair Keny Guyer, Vice-Chair Olson, Vice-Chair Sanchez and Members of the Committee,

I have lived in Corvallis, Oregon more than 40 years and work one day a week at the Corvallis Daytime Dropin Center as well as an evening a week at the Men's Cold Weather Shelter here in Corvallis. I have been observing the Homeless Opportunity Action Committee meetings over 2 years and now attend their task force on increasing Affordable Housing.

Because of my faith in the Inherent worth and dignity of every person, I have been concerned about the unhoused for years and now have the time and interest to become friends with several of the men and women. Some are actively seeking work, some taking college classes, some are mentally ill, others have numerous physical ailments and all deserve a dry, safe place to spend the night. Though my church, I've learned the number of homeless school children in Corvallis equals the number of adults who attend our Sunday services. Any homeless children affect our communities future and the high number is definitive proof on the lack of affordable housing in Corvallis.

I urge your support of HB 4007, which will increase the document recording fee to \$75. The increase in revenue will be used toward emergency rent assistance, home ownership access, and building more affordable homes — all of which will address the needs of the most vulnerable populations in our state.

thank you for your work

Sincerely  
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