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I have lived and worked in southern Oregon for over 32 years and have been actively involved in addressing affordable housing in my community, Ashland, and all of Jackson county. I am a active member of Southern Oregon Housing for All (SOHFA), a growing coalition of folks working for affordable housing, solutions for homeless shelters, tiny home movement and funding locally housing trust funds such as Ashland's Housing Trust Fund.

In the past I worked many years with groups trying to address our housing needs and now crisis in our community. Before I retired I worked as a family advocate with Head Start where the need for stable, affordable homes for our children and families was a almost impossible challenge. I would see rent increases driving our families/ children out of Ashland and out of our schools with devastating destabilization to family life and child's education. Families with children with disabilities are even further challenged to find a stable home in this rent crisis climate:

That is why I am so strongly urging your support for HB 4007. While this is a significant but manageable increase in the document recording fee it will have an amazing ability for funding the creative housing solutions that our local cities are now struggling to address. In Ashland we finally have a tax supported Housing Trust Fund and for the first time seeing local groups apply for new projects at all parts of the affordable housing spectrum. The HB 4007 funds are effectively shared with the needs for housing solutions and that could be a collaborative support for our local projects.

Please support the positive solution represented by HB 4007. Time is critical and support now is needed.

Thank you for helping our state move forward with this creative solution.

Rich Rohde,