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House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Oregon State Legislature
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Dear Chair Keny Guyer, Vice-Chair Olson, Vice-Chair Sanchez and Members of the Committee:

I am the Executive Director at Klamath Housing Authority (KHA). KHA serves all of Klamath and Lake Counties in Oregon in providing housing opportunities for lower income families. We do this by providing HUD housing vouchers, and developing and operating affordable housing complexes.

KHA has been the recipient of previous GHAP funds to build housing for veterans. Our first project, Victory Commons, opened in November of 2016 with 10 one bedroom units. This project has been enormously successful in bringing stability and a roof over their head for 11 veterans who were desperately in need of safe and affordable housing. This housing project has given them a sense of community and family that has been missing in their life for years. Most of these veterans will tell you that Victory Commons is their "forever" home.

Just last week, KHA was again given a GHAP award for more veterans housing. The local community is extremely excited and supportive of this new project. I already have people asking when we will open the application process.

Your support for this source of funding has been invaluable. I would like to encourage you to support HB 4007, which will increase the document recording fee, and make more dollars available to build much needed housing throughout the state of Oregon. When we are able to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing to our most vulnerable populations, everyone wins.

Thank you for your previous support and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Otero
Executive Director