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Representative Keny-Guyer, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services and Housing  
900 Court Street, NE, HR E  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 4010

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer and Members of the Committee,

The City of Portland urges your support for HB 4010 to establish a task force on addressing racial disparities in homeownership.

Homeownership rates amongst families of color in Oregon have been adversely affected by the discriminatory policies and practices, barriers to accessing credit, and economic insecurity. According to 2016 American Community Survey data for the city of Portland, White households and Portland households generally own homes at a rate of 52-56 percent while African American, Native American, Hispanic, and Hawaiian Pacific Islander households own at a rate of 36 percent or lower. In Portland, only 28 percent of Black households own their homes. Fair Housing law requires us to investigate disparities in housing access and this task force is a necessary first step to better understand, confront, and address racial disparities in homeownership.

We urge your support for HB 4010. Thank you for your consideration.

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