



TO: House Committee on Human Service and Housing
FROM: Ron Garcia, President
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RE: HB 4007

Since 1927 the Rental Housing Alliance Oregon (RHA Oregon) has set the standard for community participation by landlords providing affordable and quality housing. The Rental Housing Alliance Oregon has more than 1,900 members, 62% of whom own just 1-4 units and 81% of whom own 10 or fewer units. Quality affordable housing options for Oregonians have been one of our organization's primary goals. From education of landlords to participation in state and local housing efforts to ongoing support of housing non-profits and homeless organizations, RHA is dedicated to housing issues in Oregon.

RHA Oregon has made efforts to improve the supply of affordable housing (we actively advocated for the 2015 Housing Package at the Oregon legislature) and assist those who are homeless (for two years we have partnered with Join to provide meals for the homeless and housing for families).

We know that affordable rental housing is important, but we also recognize that home ownership is a goal that so many Oregonians seek to achieve – we believe that HB 4007 will help them do so. Reliable housing is the key – this bill helps that happen.

Maya Angelou said, "The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned." RHA Oregon will continue our advocacy for a home for everyone and is appreciative of the Oregon legislature's willing to help us in our effort.

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