Chris Bonner <chris@loveportland.com> Letter in Support of HB 4007

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

I am writing to you today as a Realtor who has represented home buyers and sellers for over 28 years in the Portland Metropolitan area.

I see first hand how homeownership can change lives and provide stability for folks as they navigate through life's stages and struggles. I know that not all folks are able to purchase homes and/or have the funds to make that first step towards home ownership. I support an increase in the document recording fee to provide greater support to those struggling to become homeowners and to provide affordable housing and rental assistance for those renters who are affected by the rapidly increasing cost of housing in Oregon.

I appreciate your attention to this very important issue and look forward to a day when we are able to provide housing to all of our citizens, whether they be seniors on a fixed income, folks living on minimum wage, or the disabled.

Thanks for your time and commitment.