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House Committee on Human Services and Housing Oregon State Legislature 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

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

I am the Executive Director of ROSE Community Development. Our mission is to connect our community to build good homes, healthy families and neighborhood opportunities in outer southeast Portland. We believe that safe, stable housing is the foundation that Oregonians need to build their lives.

On behalf of the organization, I urge you to support increasing the document recording fee in HB 4007 to support affordable housing and housing opportunity. Even as our state continues to experience a housing crisis, changes at the national level have reduced federal funding to build and preserve affordable housing. Increasing state resources for housing can help mitigate the adverse effect on Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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