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Representative Phil Barnhart, Chair
House Committee on Revenue
900 Court Street NE, HR A
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 4007-A

Dear Chair Barnhart and Members of the Committee,

We write in support of HB 4007-A to increase the document recording fee. The resources generated by this fee increase will directly support investments to prevent and end homelessness, promote homeownership, and develop additional affordable housing.

The document recording fee provides funds dedicated to three housing programs: the Emergency Housing Account, the Home Ownership Assistance Program, and the General Housing Account Program. These programs support low- and very low-income Oregonians through assistance for persons who are experiencing homelessness or are unstably housed and at risk of becoming homeless, expansion of the supply of affordable housing and permanent supportive housing, and homebuyer down payment assistance.

Since the creation of the fee in 2009, \$94 million has been generated to help Oregonians afford a safe, stable place to call home. The City of Portland strongly supports additional investments by the state that increase access to affordable housing and homeless services.

The City of Portland urges your support for HB 4007-A. Thank you for your consideration.

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