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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 Noble, Vice-Chair Sanchez, and members of the Committee,

I am Janet L. Bailey and live in Sixes, Oregon. I would like to submit this written testimony in support of legislation that helps homeowners replace and repair their manufactured homes.

In 2013-14, I participated in the ReHome program through NeighborWorks Umpqua, to replace my manufactured home. I applied to the program because of advertising I heard on KGBR, and my home was badly in need of repairs or replacement. There is no way I could have afforded the cost of buying a manufactured home on what I get from Social Security, and that's my only income. Without this program it would have been very difficult for me to get the work done, or do it myself as I am semi-home-bound due to arthritis, diabetes and chronic heart failure. Plus my light bill was often over \$300 a month because of the poor condition of my home.

Since replacing my home, I have had much smaller electricity bills and lots less trips to the ER due to falling on the old boards of my outer deck.

It is my hope that other families in other communities would be able to participate in manufactured home replacement programs and projects. I support programs and laws that help families and communities build stronger and more resilient communities through improving the quality of housing of residents

Thank you for the opportunity to share my experience with manufactured home replacement.

Yours,

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