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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 Celeste Bridgeford and live in Brookings located in Curry Country. I would like to submit this written testimony in support of legislation that helps homeowners replace and repair their manufactured homes.

In 2015, I participated in the ReHome program through NeighborWorks Umpqua, to replace my manufactured home. I applied to the program because our home was falling down around us. There were water leaks almost daily, black mold, and the floor falling through, just to name a few issues. Without this program it would have been very difficult for me to remain in the home as it was quickly becoming uninhabitable. The health concerns alone were overwhelming. My husband is disabled and I am permanent guardian for my granddaughter. I am the financial support for the family. We live from paycheck to paycheck. Without the help and guidance from NeighborWorks Umpqua and the ReHome program I am not sure where we would be today.

Since replacing my home, we are physically feeling wonderful, (no cold drafts and water leaking) and more importantly we are now secure in the knowledge that we have a livable home that will last us forever.

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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