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DATE: April 8, 2019  
TO: Senate Committee on Housing  
RE: SB 1024, relating to manufactured dwelling parks

Chair Fagan and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of SB 1024, a measure that will result in the creation of new and exceedingly affordable housing in Springfield. I urge the Committee, and each of you as individual Senators to move this bill towards the Governor's desk. It would create a unique pilot project that is highly strategic for both Oregon and Lane County by address a critical housing need.

Here is why I am supporting this project:

- Springfield is in the midst of redevelopment of a recently annexed region of the City known as Glenwood. It is located between downtown Springfield and the University of Oregon's campus (and Interstate 5) and historically has been utilized for light industrial uses as well as sub-standard housing due to pre-federal reservoir flood issues. I believe the City's work to date and future plans will lead to a highly improved setting for commercial development in this region, and SB 1024 will provide options for current residents who may be displaced by the new development.
- Our residents have expressed a desire to continue living in their own homes rather than multi-family dwelling options. Indeed, Lane County has a very high concentration of manufactured home parks and SB 1024 will allow for a new development that occurs under state agency scrutiny. This is an opportunity for Oregon to examine new and sustainable development practices applied to a manufactured home park, with a City that has a plethora of experience with manufactured dwellings and park residents.
- Our region is characterized by households that are at-risk due to the high cost of housing and relatively lower incomes. Lane County is battling homelessness on a variety of fronts. This project as designed will keep residents who otherwise may well be at risk for losing shelter to gain new and highly affordable housing, and importantly, within a community setting that provides a great deal of peer support. SB 1024 aligns perfectly with the efforts we as a County are undertaking with respect to ensuring our residents have housing options that meet them where they live.

I hope you can share my enthusiasm for this project and vote "YES" today on SB 1024.

Sincerely,

By: *Joe Berney*

Joe Berney  
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