



February 13, 2023

Representative Maxine Dexter
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, H-283
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for House Bill 2001

Dear Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Housing Alliance urges your support of House Bill 2001, which addresses our state's urgent housing needs with immediate action on several fronts.

Our coalition of some 100 members includes local jurisdictions, grassroots community groups, and housing developers and providers from across the state. From these various positions within Oregon's affordable housing landscape, our members identified both HB 2456 and SB 799 as top priorities for the 2023 legislature. We are grateful that both of these bills have been incorporated into HB 2001, along with other worthy measures that will address homelessness and housing production statewide.

The elements of HB 2001 collectively advance the Housing Alliance's vision of a safe, stable and affordable home for every Oregonian:

- The eviction reform elements from SB 799 will keep people in their homes and communities by preventing unnecessary evictions that often lead to homelessness.
- The HB 2456 elements make investments in proven interventions that will keep young people housed now, which is proven to reduce chronic homelessness in adulthood.
- Applying Governor Kotek's recent emergency orders on homelessness statewide provides tools to address this crisis in all parts of Oregon.
- Funding and financing for both modular housing and workforce housing development are steps toward addressing our long-term housing supply shortage, while boosting the capacity of our housing construction industry.

We urge you to join the Oregon Housing Alliance in prioritizing passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Herrington".

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