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Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3462

To: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness.

I am writing to urge your support for HB 3462, Emergency Housing For All. My experience is that one of my family member was one of the persons who lost their home in the Almeda fire here in southern Oregon. He lived in a mobile home north of Ashland and lost EVERYTHING. But he was able to use his insurance to find another home

in Talent within two years. But so many others we know were not able to access emergency support from FEMA because of lack of documentation. Those who were not able to

obtain emergency funds for housing were important part of our community. Many were local worker, children in our schools and most importantly neighbors, With HB 3462 we have an opportunity to not make this mistake again. We can insure that everyone whose homes are destroyed in fire or other disaster/emergencies is able to get quick access to the resources they need. Living through this with a family member we know in our family how important it is for immediate help. When you lose everything there needs to be immediate help to save your mental health.

Please support HB 3462 as an important step that hold true to our Oregon values. Rich Rohde

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