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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water

Measure: HB3440

Dear House Representative,

I respectfully ask the Oregon House of Representatives to pass HB 3440.

As a long time resident of Redmond, Oregon, an elementary educator for 28 years and a Court Appointed Special Advocate, I have seen what poverty can do to our youth and their families. Housing is one portion of our problem. If HB 3440 is passed it would be a vital step in the right direction to rectify our housing problem in Central Oregon.

Passage of HB 3440 would allow the city of Bend to have funds to implement programs and plans to alleviate the lack of affordable housing which is negatively impacting our communities. In Central Oregon the communities work together to solve common problems. Over time, the beginning of a solution to Bend's housing crisis will have a positive impact on the neighboring communities and provide an example of possible solutions.

Every person should have the possibility of having a safe place to live. Please allow this possibility to become a reality for many people and pass HB 3440.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Claridge