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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon Legislature

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee:

RE: House Bill 4123 – Support

My name is Jimmy Jones, and I am the Executive Director of the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) in Salem. At MWVCAA, we serve low-income residents of Marion, Polk, and nine other counties across Oregon. Annually, MWVCAA administers more than \$80 million in services and direct assistance supporting housing stability, homelessness response, energy and weatherization, and early learning programs for tens of thousands of Oregonians. In addition, I serve as Vice President for Legislative Affairs at the Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO), sit on the Housing Committee of the Racial Justice Council, previously served on the House Bill 2100 Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities, and recently chaired the Legislature's Joint Task Force on Hospital Discharge.

I am writing to express strong support for House Bill 4123, which provides a necessary and accountable framework to limit the disclosure of confidential tenant information and strengthen protections for renters across Oregon.

At MWVCAA, we work closely with individuals and families navigating housing instability, domestic violence, disability and other serious barriers. For many we assist, safeguarding personal information is essential to maintaining trust, promoting safety, and supporting long-term self-sufficiency.

House Bill 4123 appropriately defines "confidential information" to include sensitive data such as Social Security numbers, immigration or citizenship status, medical or disability records, and records relating to the assertion of tenant rights or protections under the Violence Against Women Act. These categories reflect the real-life risks tenants face when private information is improperly shared.

This bill also establishes clear and effective limits on when landlords may disclose such information, allowing disclosure only under specific circumstances such as written consent, court order, or necessary compliance with affordable housing regulations. These guardrails are essential to preventing misuse while ensuring legitimate housing operations continue to function.

Importantly, House Bill 4123 provides meaningful accountability by authorizing statutory damages when a landlord knowingly violates these protections. This enforcement mechanism ensures that tenant confidentiality is treated as a serious responsibility.

For these reasons, MWVCAA urges your support for House Bill 4123 as a vital investment in housing stability, community trust, and positive outcomes for Oregonians. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to strengthening opportunity and security for communities across the state.

Respectfully,

Jimmy Jones
Executive Director