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Senate Committee on Housing & Development
Oregon State Legislature
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Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today to express our support for HB 3151 to provide support to tenants of manufactured home parks and development of new parks across the state.

Manufactured home parks are an important part of our housing ecosystem and provide critical affordable housing to Oregon communities. Particularly for our low-income families, manufactured homes have provided accessibility to homeownership. However, given the nature of manufactured homes, these families are also renters that have less flexibility and negotiating power when responding to changes in their tenancy. It is important that the state protect the interest of these tenants by passing HB 3151 to prohibit tenants being charged for site improvements, extending legal assistance, and supporting dispute resolution programs.

HB 3151 also allows the state greater flexibility in use of OHCS funding to build new manufactured home parks and expands the definition of affordable housing for development. In a time where Oregon continues to face a severe housing crisis, it is crucial that we strengthen all available tools to meet the variety of housing needs in our communities.

HB 3151:

- Specifies which improvements an owner of a manufactured dwelling park may require applicants or new tenants moving their manufactured home in to a park to pay for or construct under the rental agreement.
- Clarifies the intent of existing legal assistance services available to low-income residents involved in disputes and extends the program sunset to 2027.
- Expands the definition of affordable housing in ORS 197 to include manufactured home parks for the purposes of developing on non-residential land.
- Expands the Oregon Housing and Community Services manufactured dwelling park loan funds to be used for the development of new parks in addition to preserving existing parks.

I urge the Committee to support HB 3151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Chase".

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