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Re: HB2001

My name is Kevin McShane and I am the Plant General Manager at Fleetwood Homes in Woodburn, Oregon. We are a manufactured home builder that has been building homes in Oregon since 1975. Our plant produces about 700 single-family manufactured homes annually. We employ over 200 people in full time jobs with benefits.

I am writing in opposition to HB 2001. More specifically, my opposition is to the appropriation of \$20 million dollars in the bill for “modular housing”, with no mention or inclusion of manufactured housing. You may not be aware that “modular housing” and “manufactured housing” are very specific terms that each refer to separate types of housing built to different codes under different regulatory authority.

Myself, or others in our industry, would be happy to explain the differences between these two types of housing. Since I believe the omission was likely unintended, and that there will be lengthy testimony about all parts of this bill, I will not include that here and instead keep my remarks brief.

The Governors goal of building 36,000 new homes in Oregon annually is ambitious and commendable. The production capabilities of Oregon’s five manufactured housing plants can be an important part of meeting that goal. We easily produce over 3,000 homes per year and have additional capacity available. Modular housing is an excellent product also, but it simply does not scale. Although I do not have the statistics available to me, I would be surprised if even 25 modular homes were built in Oregon last year.

Manufactured housing is a safe, attractive and attainable product that is built in Oregon by Oregonians, and needs to be included in the plan to relieve the housing shortage in our state.

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