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February 6, 2023

To: Representative Maxine Dexter, Chair, and

Members House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Re: House Bill 2889

Good Morning, Chair Representative Dexter, Vice-Chairs Representatives Gamba and Helfrich and members of the committee.

My name is Maria Dolores and I am the Advocacy And Outreach Coordinator of the Adelante, an organization dedicated to providing holistic education and empowerment opportunities to low-income Latina women and their families and we believe that everyone in Oregon deserves to have a comfortable, healthy and resilient home.

I am testifying in support of HB 2889 this bill will provide a comprehensive, system-wide reform to reverse decades of underinvestment in housing production and begin to redress disparities in housing outcomes for communities across the state.

I have lived in Washington County for 30 years and today more than ever I fear being displaced because I cannot afford fair and comfortable housing for myself and my family. I come from dealing with the conflicts of a pandemic. In the last year I have been infected with COVID-19 four times, and thinking about having my own home

has become more difficult every day due to the pandemic, due to the increase in prices, interest rates and now, due to the shortage of households. I hope that this HB 2889 proposal gives people like me the opportunity to dream of fair and comfortable housing and end the anguish of being displaced for not being able to pay a very high rent in neighborhoods with green spaces, and walkable neighborhoods, I continue to hope that there will be enough housing for all Oregonians HB 2889 will increase the number of affordable, fair, and equitable housing choices for our frontline communities, people of color, low-income families, and people with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this landmark housing bill t

Sincerely,

Maria Dolores Torres

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Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator