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Chair Maxine Dexter and Members
House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
State Capitol
Salem, OR

Re: HB 2983 (manufactured dwellings and manufactured dwelling parks)

Dear Chair Dexter and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2983, including the -1 amendments. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice. This includes advocacy to support full implementation of statewide Goal 10, Housing.

HB 2983 would appropriate \$55 million towards the acquisition and rehabilitation of manufactured home parks and the construction of new ones, by non-profits organizations, co-ops, and housing authorities. It also funds the Department of Land Conservation and Development to develop model codes for the development of manufactured dwelling parks, and efficiency measures to ensure that cottage clusters (provided for under 2019's middle housing bill, HB 2001), may include manufactured dwellings.

HB 2983 continues and expands Oregon's commitment to one of the most affordable home ownership opportunities for Oregonians, and that can be developed fairly quickly: manufactured housing parks that are owned by the residents, a nonprofit organization, a co-op, or other similar, stable ownership.

We urge the Committee to support HB 2983. Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Mary" and "Kyle" connected at the top, and "McCurdy" written below them.

Mary Kyle McCurdy
Deputy Director