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Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Oregon Legislature

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB 4123A 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 continued strong support for House Bill 4123A as it advances to the Senate. This measure 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 stability.

As amended, House Bill 4123A continues to appropriately define “confidential information” to include highly sensitive data such as Social Security numbers, immigration or citizenship status, medical or disability records, and documentation related to the assertion of tenant protections, including those under the Violence Against Women Act. These protections reflect the real risks families face when private information is disclosed without proper safeguards.

The bill maintains clear standards for when disclosure may occur, including written consent, court order, or necessary compliance with affordable housing regulations. The amendments strengthen clarity while preserving workable pathways for housing providers to meet legitimate operational and regulatory requirements. This balanced approach promotes both accountability and system functionality.

Importantly, the bill retains meaningful accountability measures when violations occur. Protecting confidential information is not optional. It is a core responsibility within a housing system that depends on trust. Clear remedies reinforce that responsibility and help ensure consistent compliance statewide.

HB 4123A strengthens safety for families, builds community trust, and reinforces stable housing outcomes across Oregon. For these reasons, MWVCAA respectfully urges your support. Thank you for your continued leadership and service to communities across our state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JJ".

Jimmy Jones
Executive Director