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Chair Kayse Jama
Vice-Chair Dick Anderson
Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for Technical Fixes in HB 4064

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for hearing testimony on HB 4064. Section 9 of this bill makes a technical fix to OHCS' Manufactured Dwelling Replacement Loan Program and allows for expanded program eligibility for manufactured homeowners impacted by a natural disaster.

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature allocated funding to OHCS through HB 2896 to help manufactured homeowners replace older, inefficient manufactured homes through decommissioning grants and forgivable, zero interest loans. In response to the September 2020 wildfires, OHCS expanded the Manufactured Dwelling Replacement Loan Program to assist manufactured homeowners impacted by the wildfires. Technical fixes to allow this expansion of eligible uses were passed under HB 3219 (2021) and gave OHCS the flexibility to provide a waiver to survivors who wanted to replace their destroyed manufactured dwellings and move back into their privately-owned manufactured dwelling parks once they were rebuilt.

Lessons learned over the past six months have shown us that impacted wildfire survivors are not always able to return to the manufactured dwelling park in which they previously lived. Various factors, including delays in rebuilding, lack of available home spaces, and increases in space rents and tenant improvement costs, have required some survivors to find available spaces in non-impacted, privately-owned manufactured dwelling parks. Section 9 of this legislation would provide OHCS with further flexibility to provide critical and timely replacement funding to survivors who choose to site their replacement homes in manufactured dwelling parks that were not impacted by the natural disaster, allowing them to move closer to housing stability as they rebuild their lives.

We respectfully urge the passage of HB 4064.

