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Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB 2001

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Helfrich, and
Members of the Committee,

I want to thank you for all you do in communities across Oregon helping children, adults, and families with their housing needs. As Community Engagement Officer at (MWVCAA) Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, we are committed to serving urban and rural communities by advocating for reforms which aim to provide sustainable and equitable housing options for the State of Oregon's most vulnerable populations. I write to you today supporting HB 2001 which will seek to incorporate amendments that are essential to addressing our statewide housing crisis.

I hope that the committee will join me and many others in affirming that having access to adequate housing for individuals and their loved ones should be an essential right for all Oregonians. HB 2001 will lay the groundwork for...

- Eviction reform measures that will provide reasonable and essential negotiated improvements such as establishing a 10-day eviction notice, prohibiting a landlord's refusal in cooperating with rental assistance, and providing access to vital renter information in multiple languages.
- Providing \$20 million in grant/loan funds for low-cost modular housing for low to moderate income households and for wildfire-affected areas.
- Investing in youth homelessness prevention by providing services for and prioritizing high-risk children and their families.
- Establishing enforceable standards for local jurisdictions to promote production of affordable, diverse, and equitable housing options.

At MWVCAA we support securing a more equitable solution when it comes to addressing Oregon's housing emergency, and providing opportunities for populations currently experiencing displacement or at-risk of. According to the Regional Housing Needs Analysis (RHNA) the state of Oregon will need to build 584,000 new homes over the next 20 years if we hope to grow sustainably, build a more equitable economy, and address our homelessness crisis. To pass HB 2001 would mean to take effective action now against the housing challenges our state is currently experiencing and will experience in the near future.

Thank you for the time and consideration.

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