



March 20, 2023

Representative Maxine Dexter
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, H-283
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for House Bill 3462

Dear Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Housing Alliance urges your support of House Bill 3462, which ensures that emergency housing resources for Oregonians affected by disasters such as fires are available more quickly, with fewer barriers and without discrimination.

Our coalition of over 100 member organizations includes local jurisdictions, tenant organizations, grassroots community groups, service providers, and affordable housing providers from across the state. From these various positions within Oregon's affordable housing landscape, our members have overwhelmingly voted to endorse HB 3462.

The Housing Alliance believes that emergency housing resources should be distributed in line with fair housing standards, and should be available as quickly as possible to all disaster-affected Oregon households. HB 3462 addresses several barriers that have prevented households from accessing housing resources in the aftermath of disasters such as the 2020 fires, and is directly informed by the experiences of those disaster victims.

We urge you to join the Oregon Housing Alliance in supporting passage of HB 3462.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cameron Herrington".

Cameron Herrington
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