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On Behalf Of:
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Dear legislators,

The housing crisis affecting all Oregonians has no easy solutions. However, one trend is clear: once people lose their housing, it becomes much harder for them to get it back. This bill updates our housing code to cap rent increases on mobile and floating homes, a crucial anti-displacement measure that will allow thousands of working Oregonians to stay sheltered and continue to live productive lives. While the concept of rent control may be ideologically upsetting to some, the alternative is increasingly apparent: mass homelessness and displacement for all but the most rich. The benefits of this legislation far outweigh any costs, and with homelessness rising and income disparity widening, the time to act on this issue is now.

Additionally, the provision in this bill to bar landlords from mandating aesthetic improvements without a consensus of tenants is a beautiful example of democracy in action. The people who live in a manufactured home community, or any other community, should have a say in how that community looks and operates - especially when the costs of those changes could force some residents out onto the street.

Please pass this bill.

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