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Representative Carolyn Tomei, Chair
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Dear Chair Tomei, Vice-Chair Gomberg, Vice-Chair Olson and Members of the Committee,

I ask for your support on HB 3007 and preserving affordable housing opportunities in Oregon's manufactured home parks through allowing residents first right of refusal for purchasing their own parks. Portland's experience tells us that one of the most effective ways to meet the growing need for affordable housing is through preservation. Preservation, particularly through resident manufactured home park purchasing, leverages existing resources and allows low-income communities to remain intact. HB 3007 provides a path to ensuring that the homes in these parks can remain affordable for Oregon's low-income households.

HB 3007 empowers residents to maintain their homes' affordability by providing them the opportunity to purchase their own park before an owner sells to a third party. In addition to preserving affordability, HB 3007 would benefit residents in a number of ways, especially in maintaining a strong community. For example, in cases where a park closes altogether it is difficult, and sometimes impossible, for residents to move their homes. This dilemma causes residents to uproot from their homes, destabilizing families and communities. However, allowing residents to purchase parks leads to community investment and a stable and safe environment.

Of the 1,106 manufactured dwelling parks statewide, 70 are situated within Portland with 3,361 spaces for homes. Like the vast majority of parks across Oregon, they provide communities for low-income families or Oregonians over 55 years old. For many, the parks offer a safe and stable community to call home. HB 3007 strengthens that stability by empowering residents to purchase the land upon which the home stands. For these reasons, I ask that you vote in support of HB 3007.

Respectfully,

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