

House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Attn: Chair Keny Guyer; Vice-Chair Olson; Vice-Chair Sanchez; and Members of the Committee

RE: HB 4007

I am a homeowner and independent business owner in downtown Corvallis. I see more homeless people on our streets and in our parks every day as I walk to other businesses and homes in the area. I have watched this problem become ever more pressing in the 7 years since I moved to Corvallis. I do not want to live in a city, state or nation where it is okay for people to not have the resources to get off the streets. I do not feel good about myself, my community or Oregon that we are not all stopping to lift up every individual before we consider ourselves successful. I believe affordable and safe housing is one of the critical foundation blocks for helping us all live safe, fulfilling lives.

I strongly support **HB 4007**, and hope you will too, as a way to fund valuable affordable housing services offered by such organizations as Willamette Neighborhood Housing. Their work, and that of many others in Corvallis, has been exemplary and they are staffed by intelligent, caring, dedicated professionals.

Thank you for considering this request for passage of **HB 4007** at full funding. Every Oregonian needs a safe place to call home and I want to assist in making this happen.

Respectfully,

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