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The Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP) supports HB 4007 which will increase the document recording fee and create a dedicated, ongoing source of revenue to help prevent and end homelessness, build more affordable homes, and creates access to homeownership.

WRAP was founded in 2005 by local social justice organizations across the Western United States to expose and eliminate the root causes of civil and human rights abuses of people experiencing poverty and homelessness in our communities and to advocate for restoring funding for affordable housing on the federal level. We have core member groups in Oregon (Sisters Of The Road, Street Roots and Right 2 Survive) as well as dozens of ally groups.

The core of WRAP's work, including our Homeless Bill of Rights Campaign, is based on our outreach to homeless and poor people in which we document their experiences with local police and private security. In surveying 1,300 people in five states and twelve cities the civil rights violations people are experiencing everywhere are eerily similar. Their main "illegal offenses" are: sleeping 81%, sitting or lying down 78%, and loitering or hanging out 66%.

We believe that housing funding and affordable housing could not be any more important than it is now, during the housing crisis that has been created by gentrification and deepening inequality. These are the conditions that are creating the massive increase in laws criminalizing houseless people. Ending criminalization and housing people is the right answer for a just society.

We urge you to vote yes on HB 4007 and to rally your resources for its support and passing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Boden'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Boden, Executive Director