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To: Chair Keny-Guyer and Members of the Human Services and Housing Committee

From: Peter Hainley, Executive Director of CASA of Oregon

RE: HB 4007

CASA of Oregon is a nonprofit community development organization that works throughout rural Oregon to support thriving communities. We work with local nonprofits, housing authorities, governments and communities to ensure the housing needs of farmworkers, seniors and the disabled are met.

The State Office of Economic Analysis (OEA) estimates a need for more than 220,000 units to serve low and middle-income households. Oregon also lacks a supply of land that is properly zoned for a diversity of housing types as required under Goal 10 of our land use laws. There is clearly a need look at different ways to address the housing crises.

The document recording fee provides dedicated revenue that can be used across the spectrum of housing needs: to help prevent and end homelessness, to conserve and build additional affordable homes, and to help more Oregonians access homeownership. CASA of Oregon supports a significant increase in the document recording fee, which will enhance the ability of all Oregonians to have a safe, decent and affordable place to call home.

Please vote for HB 4007 to ensure more Oregonians have access to housing.