Good afternoon Committee members:

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My name is Deborah Olson. I am an Oregon tenant who uses a Section 8 voucher. I believe that these vouchers are important for the health, stability, and wellbeing of tenants like me, and we should do everything in our power to make sure that they are available and can be used successfully.

I was on the wait list a little over four years for a Section 8 voucher. When I finally received the voucher, many landlords wouldn't even give me the opportunity to apply for a home. It was hard and frustrating being turned away. I have a good rental history, and no felonies or misdemeanors besides a speeding ticket. I don't smoke or drink, and have never had problems with previous landlords or neighbors. Many newspaper ads featured rentals housing that didn't accept section 8. I would go to the Housing Authority office to get the weekly print out of landlords who took section 8. Most of the homes on the lists were for families much larger than my family of one. The rents were too high for me. I came very close to losing my voucher. I had gone through the first 60 days. I requested more time to look, another 60 days. With about one week left before I lost it, a landlord accepted my voucher and I have been a steady and responsible tenant in this same home for seven years.

I became disabled in 1990 from the carelessness of a sober driver. Searching for housing was actually a physically painful process for me. As I rode the buses and walked during my housing search, my leg and foot pain increased and my foot swelled up a little more every day. I can walk a few blocks on a good day. Because of my disability from the accident, I wasn't able to work at my labor and production job any more. My Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits are \$710 each month and my rent is now \$710. Thank goodness for the Sec. 8 voucher and the rental assistance it provides. The voucher has provided me stability and housing security, without it I can't afford housing.

I have been looking to move for a couple of years now and I'm experiencing the same difficulty I had seven years ago. Most landlords say, "No Section 8." Landlords tell me that they do not want to deal with the Sec. 8 paper work or wait for the required inspections. Due to my disability, accessibility to the laundry facility is important and more than a few stairs is not a good fit for me. I did not want to move passed 122^{nd} Ave, but this was all I could find. It's difficult to find a landlord that accepts the voucher in an area that is close-in so I can visit my elderly and less mobile friends or to easily get to my volunteer job at Community Alliance of Tenants. Sometimes it takes me about two hours by bus to get to CAT. I don't know why it has to be so hard. My friend Pat White did not find a place with her Sec. 8 voucher, and she lost it. Did it go to "Voucher Heaven?"

As someone with a disability who lives on a fixed income, I can't afford the rent anywhere in my community and still put food on the table without assistance. I appreciate how the voucher has helped me live in stable housing, but I think we can make efforts to improve the program so that tenants like me have more opportunity and choice where we can live.

Thank you for your time, Deborah Olson

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