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Dear Chair Fagen, Vice Chair Girod and Members of the Committee,

I am a residential Realtor in the Greater Portland Metropolitan area and have been since 1990. I have seen first hand how housing instability has risen dramatically due to increases in rents, lack of adequate tenant protections and the overall effect of market forces left unchecked. Having insecurity around housing affects our schools, our neighborhoods, our safety net and our sense of well being.

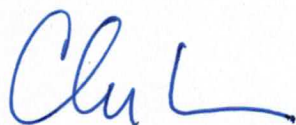
I have been a "Landlady" in the past and currently sell investment property for and to folks as well, so I know that there are things to take into account when crafting legislation that affects an investment property owner's rights. I think this legislation strikes a fair balance between allowing for folks to make a profit and taking steps towards solving our current housing crisis.

I grew up living mostly in rental properties, and understand deeply how devastating it can be to lose your housing due to events out of your control. Even when it wasn't happening directly to us, it was always a worry to us...even as children. I also saw how uprooting folks affects those on the margins, as it was sometimes difficult if not impossible to recover from economically and emotionally.

The folks that depend on rental properties for a place to live are counting on their Legislators to help protect them from these destabilizing events in a way that provides property owners a right to a profit and renters some assurances that they will not be kicked to the curb for no good reason.

I ask you to support SB 608 in order for Oregon to be a better place to live.

Thanks for your hard work on this issue.

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