

Dear Chair Fagan, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Pamela N. Phan. I work everyday with tenants struggling to stay housed, especially those who have been priced out of the homes they have lived in for years.

I travel throughout the state spending time with families and individuals from the upper and lower Willamette Valley, the Portland Metro area, Southern and Central Oregon, to the coast. I hear a very common theme across all these communities, as unique as they are -- no-cause and rent increases act to evict people from their homes.

Stable and affordable housing is not being met in any of these communities. It is imperative that the Legislature take action as soon as possible to ensure that Oregonians cannot wait another two years to find relief from either the reality or fear of having nowhere to else to go after the eviction or rent increase notice is taped on their door.

Senate Bill 608 is a step forward for Oregonians and our communities large and small. Please pass SB 608, and take the historic first step treating housing as a human right for all people in Oregon.

Thank you for your service.

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