

Monday, November 4, 2019

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

My name is Deborah Olson, I have a section 8 voucher, and I live in Gresham, Oreogn.

I just want to share with you about my 3 rent increases in the last 13 months. My rent is going up more than twice as much as my SSI Cost of living increase from SS. And that increase will Start the 1st of March 2019.

Five months ago I started paying another rent increase from GSL and that was 7 times higher than the tiny increase from SSI for turning 62 last year. I did NOT get a Cola from SSI in 2018. Is Multifamily and the Real Estate association running Social Security Dept?

My section 8 voucher did not cover one dollar of the last 2 rent increases. I am paying \$115.00 more dollars out of my pocket in the past 6 months. I live in senior housing. No longer affordable housing. I have had 4 rent increases in 2 years. My next rent increase may speed up a decision of a nursing home. The Tax payers can pay 5 grand for my new housing. At least I will have 150 spending cash.

I do get to turn in the rent increase to DHS and I will get MORE FOOD STAMPS. Many of my neighbors how get 1,500.00 and and are paying out of pocket all their rent do not get any extra food stamps. They fall through the cracks. No B & D coverage.

The 3rd rent increase that started 3/2018 Home Forward covered all but \$2.00 of that rent increase.

It is passed time for you to act. City commissioner Dan Saltzman of Portland has many rentals in his portfolio and he voted to make sure renters had protections. YOU need to do what if fair and right for renters. Landlords are raping our wallet. Murdering our kids' futures. And creating more houselessness.

I support SB 608 to stabilize renters in every part of Oregon.

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