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As a Realtor, former landlord and homeowner in the city of Portland I want to voice my support of SB608. I have seen a huge uptick in the number of people I am working with who are investing in Portland because it has always been an easy place to make money. A lot of investors don't live here and are using the current market and ease of doing business to their advantage. Meanwhile, we are suffering from an overwhelming houseless crisis for people who can no longer afford to live here, being evicted for no reason and/or having rents raised to amounts that are no longer affordable. I would like to see some permanent legislation that is more balanced, caring for renters not just property owners. People who rent their homes are depending on the Legislature to act to provide basic protections and stability. We know we need to address a range of issues to solve the housing problems our communities are facing, and it is critical the Legislature act now to pass SB 608. Please vote yes on SB 608

