Chair Fagan, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee on Housing

I am David Gutzler and live in Beaverton.

I believe that individuals, parents, and children deserve a safe and stable home on a regular basis. We need to do as much as possible to remove or reduce the barriers and situations that make it very difficult for folks to succeed in their lives.

My story is about my son, his wife, and two year old daughter. My son is in his second year as a Portland Public School teacher in northeast Portland. His wife remains at home with the little one. Last school year they had to move twice due to rising rents. The first rent increase was \$200 and four months after they moved the rent increased \$150. So they moved a second time. Imagine the impact on my son and his family with these moves while he is in his first teaching job. Also think about his daughter and if she was five years old, she would have been in three kindergarten classes in 9 months. The family is doing good now and fortunately has not seen an increase in rent during the last eight months.

As we know, similar stories are told throughout our communities. These situations do not provide safe and stable homes and communities.

Please vote yes to support SB 608. Thank you for your service, time, and consideration.