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Senate Housing Committee 900 Court St. NE, S-409 Salem, OR 97301

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

The housing crisis is not just an issue in Portland, families all over the state are feeling the stress from high raised rent and being told to leave without reason. We need to protect our renters and keep families from being displaced. It is affecting smaller communities like Ashland in which I live and serve as a commissioner on the Ashland Housing and Human Services Commission. We already have a housing crisis, with families and children living on the streets or in hotels, buses and cars.

On behalf of myself, please support SB 608, people and families have the right to have a home. Displacing people through no cause evictions and high increases in rent hurts families. This Senate Bill 608 will protect against discrimination against tenants, we need a Just- Cause standard. Give people hope that their leaders will stand up for them.

Thank you,

Princess Erica Franks