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Dear Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice Chairs Noble and Sanchez, and Members of the Committee,

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice Chairs Noble and Sanchez, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to ask you to please vote yes on SB608. Three years ago I lived in Ashland. A local massive landowner bought out my apartment complex and the neighboring complexes. Within two months, we had received a \$120 rent increase. Each year afterwards we received another increase. I saw my neighbors forced out one by one until the complex had moved from a diverse working class neighborhood to a place for trust-fund students.

I moved to Medford earlier this year, and have watched the same system taking place. I worked with tenants at the Mariposa Apts after the same landlord bought the complex and raised their rent 40% immediately afterwards. Nearly half of the complex was forced out.

Every week, I hear from new tenants who are facing drastic rent increases or no cause evictions.

Medford's school districts have a nearly 10% childhood homelessness rate in any given year, some of the highest of any metro area in the state. We need action now. SB608 should not be a partisan issue. We need relief, and we need your vote.

Thank you,  
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