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Hello, my name is Maig Tinnin. I live in Medford Oregon where I work in social services with seniors and people with disabilities.

At work I answer calls on our resource line from community members seeking support of various kinds. I've taken calls from people undergoing cancer treatments, veterans with disabilities, and people in their 70s who have never before utilized social services but are now facing impending homelessness due to rent increases or no-cause evictions. In our area - like most areas in the state- there is insufficient subsidized housing options for seniors and people with disabilities. That means people making on average of \$1400 monthly in Social Security- are forced to look at market rate units when displaced. Minimum income requirements create an additional barrier for folks on fixed incomes. These heartbreaking phone calls usually end with referrals to local homeless shelters.

Their stories stay with me and follow me home for the night with the knowledge and anger of our broken systems.

At some point we have to say enough is enough- enough to the greed of a few and the inaction of many more from holding that greed accountable. The "right" of a landlord to profit SHOULD NOT be valued more than a person's right to basic shelter and safety. It is right and good to pass laws that protect our citizens from exploitation. SB608 is fair, reasonable, and it's a necessary first step to stop the hemorrhaging that is Oregon's housing crisis.

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