

Good afternoon committee,

I'm sorry my video isn't working so I will submit my testimony in text.

I'm 28 years old and studying public health at Portland State University with 2 more terms to go until I obtain my degree. Because of the Arch program I am pursuing higher education. In April of 2020 I was kicked out of my housing via PSU campus life because I was unable to pay for classes and housing at the same time. My lack of secure housing made it difficult for me to finish school and find shelter. I gave up until I was introduced to the program via PSU's care team who introduced me to Janet with the Arch program. Before the program I was living in my car after I got dropped from school housing I was not able to go back home because of many safety concerns associated with drugs and unsafe living. I moved into a housing I found via a connection and was only able to stay 1 month before the landlord kicked out the roommates for another issue. I was homeless again after I just found a safe place. In July of 2020 I signed up to housing with the Arch program and without the program helping me I would not be able to graduate so I can help others not struggle on the ways and patterns that I did. Thank you for the time.