



House Committee on Housing
Testimony in Support of SB 282A
April 27, 2021

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Wlmsvey Campos, Vice-Chair Morgan, Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, I am pleased to submit testimony in support of SB 282A to **extend the grace period to pay back rent, provide protection to credit and rental records so they can't be used against you, extend protections from landlord retaliation, and allow people to share housing in an emergency.** This bill comes to your committee with strong bipartisan support in the Senate, after significant work on amendments that resulted in no opposition to the bill.

SATF is a statewide, nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the response to and prevention of sexual violence in Oregon.

Housing stability is essential to reducing the impacts of sexual violence across our state, as housing insecurity and homelessness increases the risks of perpetration. The increased risk of perpetration, coupled with COVID, will cost us lives and further burden our healthcare, criminal justice, and emergency housing systems.

Prompt passage of the bill is essential to ensure that tenants and landlords can benefit from the more than \$500 million in federal rental assistance that will be distributed in the coming months.

As we continue to weather the COVID pandemic, we must acknowledge the ongoing difficulty that continues to face our most vulnerable communities. We must act to ensure that the fallout from the COVID pandemic does not sentence Oregonians who rent their homes to lasting collateral consequences. We urge you to pass SB 282A.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony, and for all of your hard work to address COVID and the housing crisis across Oregon. We urge your support of SB 282A.

Respectfully,

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