

February 24, 2023

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Judith Hargreaves-Brunns and I am a senior citizen living at the Eugene Hotel Retirement Center.

When I moved into the hotel, the rent increase was 3% every year. When the new owners took over, they waffled between 3 and 4% and then settled at market rate. This means a 14% rent hike for the residents, which translates into \$220-\$330 more each month.

I, like most residents here, live on a fixed income. Although I have cut my personal costs as much as possible, my expenses plus a \$220 rent increase will wipe out my Social Security check. Also, I don't know what future rent increases will look like.

Therefore, I urge you to support HB611 which will cap rent increases at 3% plus CPI or a total of 8%, whichever is less. **The sad truth is this: support me now or support me when I enter the welfare system.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judith Hargreaves-Brunns