

Submitter: John McCartney

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

Subject: Tenant in favor of SB 799

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee,

My name is John McCartney. I live in Hillsboro. I am testifying in support of SB 799. I am disabled and living on a fixed income. I am just shy of 65 and I am terrified of being priced out or evicted from my home. Too many people like me are at risk for homelessness if you do not pass this commonsense bill, as well as the rest of the Homelessness Prevention Package to increase rent assistance and have more reasonable rent increases

My family has lived here for 6 years. Last year we received the maximum allowed rent increase, which was over \$200 a month. When my lease renews in June, I expect my landlord will do the maximum again, 14.6%. That would be a \$320 increase. With fixed incomes, and an adult son living with us, we just can't afford that kind of increase. And then what? Where would we go?

We live with constant anxiety of becoming homeless. A 72-hour eviction notice would feel like a stab in the heart. I'd be paralyzed and in complete panic. We don't have the resources to just pick-up and relocate. For me, because of my health conditions, homelessness could be fatal. My wife is terrified.

A 72-hour notice for eviction doesn't just contribute to homelessness, it encourages it. We need real solutions that keep people in our homes. I hope you will listen to people like me and vote yes on SB 799 and the rest of the Homelessness Prevention Package.

Thank you,  
John  
Hillsboro, Oregon