

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Richard A. Fischer and I live in Brookings, Oregon. I am an Oregon renter speaking in favor of SB 799 because evictions must be rare and they must be fair. Too many people like me are at risk for homelessness if you do not pass this common-sense bill. We must pass the entire Homelessness Prevention Package to prevent eviction, increase rent assistance, limit rate increases, and increase the data available about Oregon's rental market.

Our rent has been raised over 33% in less than 3 years since we have moved to Brookings. We have absorbed those increases, but I know some folks cannot. Just look at the homeless situation, a portion of it is a result of this owner greed.

Thank you again for hearing this important bill and allowing us to speak. I hope you will listen to people like me and vote yes on SB 799 and the Homelessness Prevention Package.

Sincerely,

Richard Fischer