



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

My name is Evelyn Estrada and I am the Political Director at Pro-Choice Oregon. As an organization, we believe that healthcare is a human right and that all people in Oregon should have access to the full spectrum of Reproductive Healthcare services & Reproductive Justice.

One of the principles of Reproductive Justice is addressing intersecting oppressions with the understanding that for a person to thrive they need to have a safe environment that includes affordable and stable housing; this is why we support SB 799.

When tenants get huge rent increases of the kind we are seeing now: 15%, 32%, 50%, they need time to pull together resources. Under today's rapid eviction laws, they can quickly get pulled under by the rapid wave of eviction courts. SB 799 makes it so that people get more time to figure out what to do next and be able to be supported along the process.

According to the state economist, more than 50% of Oregon renters do not have enough money left over for food, medicine, or basic necessities. All of these are key in making decisions to have a child, not to have a child, and to parent with dignity in healthy and safe environments.

Supporting this bill means supporting family stability and reducing the probability of losing everything to eviction. I thank you for your consideration on this matter and hope you vote yes on SB 799.

Sincerely,
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