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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

Dear Chair and members of of the Housing Committee,  
My name is Kayla McMurtry and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am a renter in Oregon and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 799. Evictions in Oregon are skyrocketing in our state to historical rates, increasing homelessness and threatening housing security for hundreds of thousands of tenants across Oregon. In order to slow the threat of widespread evictions and prevent homelessness, we need reasonable reforms that gives tenants a real chance to stay in their homes and implements some of the lessons from the pandemic. That's why I'm asking for your support of Senate Bill 799.

I have been personally affected by this crisis, and am currently facing eviction due to a miscommunication and a lack of communication from my property management company. I have a young child, and cannot live on the streets. This would help protect young, poor, working families like mine from ending up there.

Senate Bill 799 will give tenants a chance to fight unjust evictions and time to get rent assistance when needed.

Sincerely,  
Kayla McMurtry