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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

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

My name is Peter H Addy and I live and rent a house in Portland, Oregon. I am also a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice in Portland. 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.

Preserving housing stability is essential for all people who experience, or who are at risk of experiencing, mental health issues (which is all of us). Housing instability and homelessness increase both frequency and severity of mental health impairment, thereby increasing burden on both the person and their wider community.

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

Sincerely,

Peter H Addy, PhD