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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

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

My name is Kris Boudreau, a 75-year old senior living in Eugene, OR. As a resident in a retirement community, I am gaining personal experience in facing excessive rent increases in 2023.

I strongly urge passage of SB 799 which helps insure people have enough time to challenge false accusations or get rent assistance if needed and solves the problem of some landlords refusing to accept rent payments.

I am aware that the demand for housing assistance and advocacy from 2020 to the present has skyrocketed to more than 250 cases per month in the Eugene and Springfield area. Recent surveys indicate that between 12 -37% of those who are evicted become homeless. According to the state economist, more than 50% of Oregon renters do not have enough money for food, medicine and the basic necessity after the rent is paid.

Communities already facing barriers to jobs, housing, health care opportunity and a sustainable income are paying an unfair price for Oregon's unjust and rushed eviction laws. I strongly urge you to pass SB 799 as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kris Boudreau

