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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

Senate Bill 799 will hurt entrepreneur landlords such as ourselves. Over twenty years ago we risked our savings and built an apartment complex in the City of Portland, Oregon. We did not receive any monies to assist in our endeavor offered by the city, but chose to build them ourselves so we would have control over our property. We cannot control the cost of property taxes, insurance, water and sewer, garbage removal or safety lighting and now, it appears, that SB 799 will add an additional burden to our infrastructure.

We experienced your rent assistance program during the pandemic. Not only did the monies not come as promised for over the sixty-day period but it cost us money just to get the tenant (who would not pay) to leave. This is not a viable plan. It punishes the Landlord and rewards the non-paying tenant.

Please table Senate Bill 799. Our priorities need to be on increased rental assistance and expanding our stock of rental housing supply.

Thank you,

Eric and Sherrill Lincoln