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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3042

My testimony is on behalf of myself but based on my experience as a housing case manager and also a wellness specialist. I've lived in Oregon my entire life and been a renter since the age of 17, mostly in the Portland area. I've always searched and been fortunate to rent from private owners. This became much more difficult the last time I decided to down size and move to a small apartment, which was just over 7 years ago. As we all know we are experiencing an affordable housing emergency, but also just a housing emergency statewide. We need to stabilize the crisis just as we would if it were a critical patient, and HB 3042 is one of many bandages we need to stop the bleeding. You are going to hear many Bills this session that will be vital to stopping the bleeding because Oregon needs more tools to help preserve the affordable units we have and Oregon needs more if we truly want to get the people of our State off the streets, and into housing. HB 3042 provides protection for our most vulnerable neighbors, because when they are priced out of housing it impacts us all. I have had to assist clients re-locate because their apartment was no longer public supported housing and they had little to no notice. This would be a difficult task as it often meant moving them away from their established community. This is OUR community. OUR streets, schools, families and environment that are being impacted by this housing crisis and we are the only one's that can repair it. Big corporate landlords have benefitted greatly from our crisis. It's time for us to address the whole crisis to obtain stabilization, HB 3042 is a way to help with this as will many of the other Bills you will be asked to vote YES on this session. Our State is counting on you. Please vote YES on HB 3042!