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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB2001

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and Members of the Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Joe Schonbrun and I live in Portland.

I'm testifying in support of HB 2001 because the system right now moves so fast and is not fair

for tenants. I was evicted in December after making several settlement attempts and, by the time I

connected with a rent assistance agency that could help me, it was too late and my landlord

wouldn't take it. Rent assistance was going to pay everything I owed plus three months' future

rent, but they still wouldn't take the money. My case went to trial and I lost, so I had to move out

and now have an eviction judgment against me.

Since Christmas I have been homeless and have been going to numerous hotels and AirBnB's

when I can afford it but have had to sleep in my car when I can't. I have thankfully found a new

home after a long and difficult month and a half that left me financially drained.

If this bill were in place when I needed it last month, I would still be in my home. I hope you will

listen to people like me and vote yes on HB 2001.

Thank you.

Joe