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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB2001

I am writing with the strongest support for HB 2001. Every single day at work, I support people who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Although we may work hard to make a plan and take action together, the resources for help are slim, hard to access, and often come too late to prevent eviction or more time in a tent or shelter. Everyone is aware of this crisis we are facing all over Oregon, and particularly in the Portland metro area. What we DO NOT NEED is a 14.3% rent increase, when people are already working 2 or 3 jobs to afford rent. Eighty-percent of all evictions are due to inability to pay rent - not for any violation of safety or laws. And Oregon has one of the fastest eviction processes - leaving renters out in the cold, literally, within 72 hours. This is unacceptable. The legislature must act swiftly. We need urgent action. Please pass this out of committee and offer your unwavering support to get this bill passed by the Oregon legislature. We need people who are willing to stand up and fight for the most vulnerable in our communities. We can't afford to wait any longer for real action. Thank you for your time and consideration and hard work on this issue.