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On Behalf Of: Reach cdc  
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development  
Measure: SB603

Dear Representatives,

Thank you for your service. And thank you for this opportunity to testify.

My name is Edward Knightly. I am a disabled person living in Portland, Oregon. I live in affordable housing on a fixed low income below the poverty level. I also serve on the Board of Directors of Reach CDC, an affordable housing not-for-profit.

I am testifying today in favor of SB 603. Because I know what it's like to live close to homelessness. I am living off of a low income, Social Security disability income and social resources because I had an unexpected stroke in the middle of the night! That left half of my body mostly paralyzed. The opportunity and stability of social resources, such as SB 603, allow me to remain housed. As a contributing member of society. Such as being able to testify and advocate. Rather than being homeless on the streets of Portland. Which costs the state of Oregon even more money than the proposed SB 603. SB 603 can help prevent homelessness. And can help people live with more civility and dignity. So they can be contributing members of society. Please support SB 603.

Thank you very much.