

Chair Dexter and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of the goals of HB 2754.

I received a call in early 2021 from friends who lived at Woodspring Apartments. They were contacting me as a retired psychologist because of their concern about the residents experiencing a traumatic event - the forecasted eviction from their homes by the end of 2023. I met with the tenants' group and also shared other resources. But I couldn't find a way to resolve the bigger problem - they would lose their low income housing at the end of the grace period.

You have heard the concerns about Woodspring Apartments. We are now reaping the consequences of a bargain we made 30 years ago - build low income housing and you can, after 30 years, close it down to those it was meant to help.

I serve on the board of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley and see the challenge of developing housing for our low income neighbors. I celebrated the approval of plans to build Plambeck Gardens, low income apartments, in my Tualatin community. However, this victory feels somewhat empty as I see many other units at Woodspring and other complexes change to an unaffordable market rate.

I am grateful to Rep. Bowman for using HB 2754 to draw attention to this problem and for providing a vehicle to begin to find answers before we evict many more people from their long time homes.

Thank you for your attention and your service,

Carol Greenough