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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

House Bill 3237

Dear Chair Representative Dexter, Vice-Chairs Representatives Gamba and Helfrich, and members of the Committee;

Yes, by all means, more regulations on rental property providers. Just what we need! It's as if some legislators have declared war on those who provide the housing the lack of which is everywhere being called a crisis. Tenants are consistently portrayed as victims and landlords are consistently portrayed as their oppressors.

Sponsors and supporters of HB 3237 believe that providing rental property with the associated costs of doing so somehow don't fit into any sort of economics.

Sponsors and supporters of HB 3237 apparently believe the state knows what is the *correct* amount a tenant can be charged for a screening process. They must have their fingers on the pulse of Oregon's rental housing economy.

Sponsors and supporters of HB 3237 must believe all tenants are shining examples of integrity while the landlords are all greedy brutes interested only in squeezing the last two-bits out of their tenants.

Sponsors and supporters of HB 3237 apparently want to regulate every aspect of a rental property provider's business relationship with their tenants. Rental agreements are between the rental provider and the tenant. Tenants are not the state's wards, although they are being treated more and more as such.

Sponsors and supporters of HB 3237 treat rental property providers as oppressors rather than providers, who cause tenants nothing but unnecessary financial burdens for their tenants.

The true oppressor is the state's ever-growing and intrusive regulations on rental property providers. Saddling rental property providers with unnecessary financial burdens and worries is not helping. Enough is enough.

I am strongly opposed to House Bill 3237 and urge the Committee to table this legislation.

Sincerely,



Richard Wisner