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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

House Bill 2680

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 2680 believe that making rental property available somehow doesn't fit into any sort of economic calculations.

Sponsors and supporters of HB 2680 apparently believe the state knows exactly what the *correct* agreements between a tenant and a provider must be, whether or not a tenant and provider might prefer something else. Apparently, they have their fingers on the pulse of Oregon's rental housing economy.

Sponsors and supporters of HB 2680 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 2680 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 2680 treat rental property providers as oppressors rather than providers, who cause nothing but unnecessary and onerous 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 burdens and restrictions is not helping. Enough is enough.

I am strongly opposed to House Bill 2680 and urge the Committee to table this legislation.

Sincerely,



Richard Wisner