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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB611

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee,

My name is Judy Pelkey. I am 75 years old and I rent a space just large enough to park two vehicles in Canby, Oregon. My rent is going up 9.3% this year. I am testifying in support of SB 611.

I own a RV and live in it full-time, and rent my parking spot. I pay \$540 for the land I rent to park on and this year, the landlord is increasing is 9.3%. I'm 75 and I still work 30+ hours per week. I wouldn't be able to afford this increase on my Social Security alone. The lady who lives in the RV next to me is 73 and still working full-time, just like me. My landlord has already communicated they'll continue increasing rent and, without reasonable limits, I'm going to be looking at several hundred dollars more a month in just a few short years. At my age, my health is uncertain. Even \$200 could break me. What am I meant to do?

My grandson has three disabled children with his wife, and his plan was to move into a larger house where I could live with them. Even though they both work full time, they can't afford it, even with my help. They're both disabled and don't drive, so they can't move out of town. His landlord hasn't increased his rent increase yet, but many in their neighborhood have already received them, so the rent increases are coming. I can't begin to think about what would happen if they got priced out of their home. The possibility of big rent increases leaves us all in precarious situations.

For some, a \$50 monthly rent increase might seem negligible. But for many working families and elders in our community, it would force us towards the streets. This isn't the future I want for Oregon. Please pass SB 611 to stop extreme rent increases and help Oregonians stay in our homes.

A concerned tenant,
Judy