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On Behalf Of: Marcia Lewis
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure: SB611

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson and members of the committee.

My name is Marcia Lewis and I am asking you to support SB 611 with some small amendments. I am a widowed 76 year old woman who rents. And I am a retired nurse who is struggling with medical expenses. particularly costs of high prescription medicine, on top of my increasing rent.

I live on a fixed income but my rent increases are gobbling up my income so that I am being squeezed on both ends by my medical and housing costs. Last year my monthly rent was raised by \$120, and this year it increased by 10% to \$180 a month. I live in an older building. The constant high increases are not sustainable.

While I support the efforts of SB 611 to cap the rent increases to a maximum of 8%, I think that this bill does not go far enough. I think 6% or even less would be a much more manageable figure to deal with. I am a middle class woman whose life is being turned upside down. Please right this ship and give me a way to be able to meet my living expenses without having to leave my apartment.

Thank you for listening to me.

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