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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

Dear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

Keeping rent reasonable impacts me and many people in my community. I work for a nonprofit that serves unhoused and insecurely housed LGBTQAI2S+ folks, BIPOC folks, and people with disabilities. I don't know a single person who rents in my network that is able to afford a house or apartment on their own. Rising rent costs will inevitably displace hundreds of people and will impact BIPOC, LGBTQAI2S, and disabled people more than any other group. Not only does this have the potential to significantly raise number of unhoused and I sheltered people across the state, it will also lead to spending more money on social and housing programs and further deplete the capacity of nonprofits and community based organizations.

Sincerely,
Katie Cox