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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

Dear Oregon State Senators,

I urge you to support this bill. As you know Oregon is in a housing crisis. Many households still have not recovered from lost employment and wages from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are also experiencing the effects of nation-wide inflation and lack of meaningful increases in household incomes. All these forces combined with a 14.6% annual rent increase will push many households over the edge and into homelessness. In a time when so many are already unhoused, the cheapest way to prevent homelessness is to stabilize rents and keep people housed. It really is the least we can do.

Thank you,

Kara Hamilton