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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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Hello,

My name is Susan Purvine, I am 73 years old, and live at Woodspring apartments in Tigard, Oregon.

I live in affordable housing and cannot even afford yearly 5% rent increases. Social security and wages can't keep up.

I went back to work full time at age 70 for the sole purpose to pay my rent. Now, with a pending 14.6% increase in rent this year my complete take home paycheck will go to paying rent. This leaves me with no money left over to pay for utilities, gas, food, prescription drugs, etc.

No other business needs to raise prices by 5%+ every year to stay afloat. I have already made many sacrifices to keep up with these rent increases, but will not be able to absorb another. We are in a housing and homelessness crisis, to keep people housed we must keep the rent increases reasonable. Our current law allowing 7% + inflation (14.6% this year!) is not just unreasonable, it is inhumane and would make me homeless.

?Thank you for your service and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Purvine