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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

My name is Andrew Austin, I am a 33 year old single father to a 3yr old, fulltime worker and current renter in the city of Portland.

I felt compelled to say that I support SB 611 for the following reasons.

By limiting rent increases as this bill suggests, tenants will be able to affordability to stay in their homes longer.

Because of that financial stability, tenants may be able to pay for more necessities like food, medicine , childcare and transportation.

This bill may also create fairness that would prevent landlords from taking advantage of the system by increasing rent too much. This would slowdown gentrification and displacement, which seems to be more common among tenants with lower incomes than among tenants with higher incomes.

Additionally, I am hopeful that this bill will contribute to a reduction in the number of Oregonians like me who work full-time jobs that pay a respectable wage. But may face evictions or break of leases due to unreasonable rent increases.