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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3503

Chair Dexter and members of the Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

My name is Dan Jaffee and I live in northeast Portland.

I want to urge you to support HB 3503, which would allow Oregon cities the option to enact a vital tool to address the critical need for rental stability in our state.

We are experiencing a humanitarian crisis as tenants across our state are being priced out and losing their homes, exacerbating the already dire crisis of homelessness. Rent stabilization is one powerful tool that can help to address this crisis.

Rent stabilization helps renters stay in their homes, thus reducing homelessness. That is one of the reasons HB 3503 is such an important bill. The appropriate set of solutions for our housing crisis may not look the same in Portland as it does for other cities.

As each community tries to address the housing crisis, the State of Oregon should not prevent them from using any policy tools. It is important to stress that HB 3503 does not enact rent stabilization-- it merely removes the unfair and undemocratic prohibition against cities implementing it if they deem it essential.

Regardless of what you might personally think about rent stabilization, please allow our communities to decide if it's a tool that will work well for them. Please, vote yes on HB 3503.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

Dan Jaffee