

Submitter: Hanna Gentile

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3503

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

My name is Hanna Gentile, and I live in Portland. I write to you in support of HB 3503, which addresses the urgent need for rental stability in our state.

We are in crisis. Tenants across our state are getting priced out and losing their housing. I have witnessed firsthand the effects of rent spikes in my community, and marginalized groups such as seniors, people of color, and disabled residents have suffered the most at the hands of landlord greed. Rent control is one powerful tool to address this crisis.

Rent control helps to stabilize tenants in their homes, which is essential in a time that Oregonians are becoming rapidly displaced with few options to re-house in this market. This is one of the many reasons HB 3503 is such an important bill for the committee to pass. The suite of solutions for our housing crisis may not look the same in Portland as it does in Salem, or Eugene, or Klamath Falls, or John Day, or Pendleton. As each community tries to address the housing crisis, the State of Oregon should not hold back any tools. Regardless of what you think of rent control, please let our communities decide if it's a tool that will work well for us by voting yes on HB 3503.

Sincerely,

Hanna Gentile