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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3503

Dear Committee Chair Dexter, Vice Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jay and I am a renter in Washington County, Oregon. I am a member of my union AFSCME and an active member of my community. I am submitting testimony today in support of House Bill 3503.

I know through my work in human services and my personal experience as a renter that evictions in Oregon are skyrocketing to historical rates, increasing homelessness and threatening the security of countless families across the State. This is in part because rent prices have begun to price tenants out of their housing. House Bill 3503 would allow local communities to address the growing problems they face when it comes to housing affordability.

If the last two or three years have shown all of us nothing else, it has shown us the importance of reforms that provide tenants the right to stay in their homes with dignity and implement some of the lessons from the pandemic.

Thank you again for hearing this important bill and allowing me to speak. I hope you will listen to people like me and vote yes on House Bill 3503