

Submitter: Judy Selander

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 Judy Selander and I am a tenant living in Lake Oswego. I'm writing today in support of House Bill 3503 because low-income folks are already struggling with high rents, and to allow landlords corporations to charge a possible 14.6% increase is simply cruel and it will lead to many many folks being homeless. Nobody wants that! We need to allow our communities to deal with the issues we are facing here at home.

My disabled son currently pays 1500 rent (one bedroom) with the help of a county housing voucher. The county's cap for rent is 1500, so when he goes to renew his lease and his housing voucher in July, his apartment building will "offer" him a rent of 1719 (a \$219 increase). And Clackamas County will not allow him the voucher for that high rent. As a result, he will either have to lose his apartment or move across the river and lose all his supportive services for his disability.

I urge state lawmakers to approve House Bill 3503 and keep low-income people housed!

Judy Selander