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Good Evening,

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

I urge you to support HB2305. I am a small business owner and I have four single family rental homes. We try very hard to provide quality housing at a fair price, usually setting our rents at below-market values because we understand how hard it is for some people to make ends meet. We also have several times in the past allowed tenants in dire situations the chance to defer rent until they were in better financial shape. However, over the past several years, legislation passed in Oregon has made it much harder to do business, with rent controls, eviction restrictions and other somewhat onerous legislation. Although some of those bills may have helped tenants, they all came at the expense of landlords, many who are like us, small operators. We are trying to make a living and provide housing to good tenants. I urge to pass this legislation, as it allows the chance to remove bad tenants and allow us to rent to people who are responsible and will actually make an effort to take care of our property.

Thank you for accepting this.

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