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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2967

Greetings House Committee,

My name is Margaux Lynch and I live in the Creston-Kennelworth neighborhood of SE Portland. I'm writing in support of HB 2967.

Entering the rental market is stressful enough, given the pressure to apply and move between locations within a two week span \*maximum\*. Over that two week span, renters deal with incredible housing insecurity, as the window drastically limits options and one's ability to plan for the future. Given this insecurity, applying to multiple rentals is necessary, but crippling ahead of an already costly process.

If a renter wants to secure housing more in advance, they are forced to pay double rent at two places simultaneously, as landlords have no incentive to hold their listings for those who have applied but aren't able to move in right away as they finish out their current lease, even if just a month away. I present this additional component as another hardship that renters must weigh the benefits of enduring, and sadly most renters like myself cannot afford to do so.

This bill will improve equity for people like me by removing one of many barriers to housing security. I hope that the House Committee votes in favor of renters, who deal with intense pressure and fear as they drain their bank accounts needlessly ahead of moving.

Thank you,  
Margaux Lynch