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On Behalf Of:

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I oppose this measure as I personally have been late on rent for the past year due to wage garnishment for past due taxes. The state of Oregon has been garnishing my paychecks for almost a year now. Started out at 25% after taxes. Before, I was able to cover my rent with one paycheck. Now I have to wait for my second paycheck to be able to cover all the rent and utilities in one payment. The property management does not allow partial payments, so even if I can cover just the rent, they will not take the payment and let me pay the utilities with my second check. They also stopped accepting checks in the office and every payment has to be made through their portal. They are also charging a \$200 late fee every month. I am able to pay every month, but not on the scheduled time. I have paid \$2,400 in late fees alone during this garnishment. This cycle will end once I get my full paycheck again, but if this bill passes, I would be kicked to the curb, and having to find another space would be near impossible with an eviction on my record. This bill should only be for private landlords with less than 3-5 units, if at all. This is not a fair and equitable bill for Oregonians.