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On Behalf Of:

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Committee Members,

I am a constituent, a renter, and resident of Eugene. I spent the early years of the pandemic running a tenant hotline and have heard so many tragic stories. Years, earlier, before we had any no cause eviction protections I experienced one myself. I was able to find housing but some of my housemates took much longer and bounced around on friends couches and had their lives upended. Renters are humans and deserve the same stability as everyone else. I urge you to support this bill. Screening fees will be recouped by landlords after they get the place rented--they wouldn't be landlords if it weren't profitable--but these fees make a big difference to people living on the margins and make it harder to acquire housing. Please get back to working on making our tax policy more equitable which could actually solve so many problems in our state rather than punishing the most vulnerable.

Thank you,

Joshua Caraco