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Representative Pam Marsh
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, S-409
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2134

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson,

Portland Tenants United, the Portland city-wide tenant union, writes to you today in support of HB 2134, which would allow tenants whose landlords terminate their leases the right to move out with 30 days' notice. Through organizing, direct action, coalition building, and civic engagement, Portland Tenants United fights to keep people in their homes, and to achieve dignity and security for all tenants.

When a tenant is given 90 days to find a new place to live, they often need the full 90 days due to the complete lack of affordable housing in this state. However, sometimes they get lucky and find a new place to live more quickly. Typically, when a tenant's application is approved, their new landlord expects them to accept financial responsibility for the rental in a few weeks. Under current laws, this could place a tenant in a difficult situation where they are responsible to pay rent at two different places simultaneously. HB 2134 would enable tenants to be more able to financially withstand the upheaval of no-cause eviction. Please vote yes to move HB 2134 forward.

Sincerely,

Portland Tenants United Organizing Committee