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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2305

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

This is a pro-homelessness bill that the house is considering, in the midst of a housing crisis where I think most Oregonians would tell you that they want your committee and the house to be working to end homelessness. I cannot imagine that anyone besides a few cruel landlords living beyond their means and desperate to toss tenants on the street will look favorably on the representatives supporting this bill aiming to increase the number of homeless Oregonians.

Landlords consistently target tenants who are most vulnerable with harassment and specious claims of bad behavior. Complaints of "problem tenants" conveniently leave out the fact that landlords already have the ability to evict tenants who don't comply with their lease. This bill will just incentivize landlords to be dishonest to skirt the existing process for evicting tenants and making people homeless. It breaks the important principle of the right to cure which is a critical part of modern tenants rights.

Please end this horrific bill's journey in this committee before you become the face of the pro-homeless camp.

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