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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2305

Dear Honorable Members of this Committee,

I oppose HB 2305. I have worked for a private nonprofit preschool program in Lane County for nearly 29 years as a social service worker. In 2022, I became the Housing Specialist for this preschool program due to the overwhelming number of families with small children who were and continue to experience housing instability. We need Covid era protections reinstated. These families work. Often, they work more than one job. They live in often substandard housing with landlords and property managers that do not keep up maintenance or respond to emergency situations. (At this very moment I am working with a mom that has water seeping into her apartment from a burst PVC pipe that no one is taking responsibility for repairing. She has lost valuable and sentimental furniture and other items).

We need to have permanent rent assistance for families that qualify for SNAP and Medicaid and for those who just make a dollar too much but are still living in poverty. Rents continue to go up, wages stagnate. We want families to stay housed and children to attend school as they are the future of our society.

This bill is unfair as laws already exist to evict persons that are egregious. This bill is mean spirited. I can only guess that the writers have never experienced housing instability or homelessness.

Let's get out of this housing crisis by banning short term rentals, not allowing out of state entities as landlords, fighting for more HUD dollars for subsidized housing. These are the solutions, this bill is not.

Thank you,

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