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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2305

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members,

I am personally writing in opposition to HB 2305, the three-strikes bill, before the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness.

As a publically housed Home Forward tenant I have repeatedly experienced property management staff who have wanted to evict me for simply placing a 4" potted geranium on the front stoop of my doormat. The discretion available thru the eviction process utterly abused my simple plea to make my space unique, green and identified as

community friendly. I had to scramble and pay \$700 to retain an attorney for eviction court representation. The landlord was abusive of their available discretion in the eviction process ! The inability for any simple conversation about my desire to add a green planted 'touch' to make my community porch

"a friendlier space" was just not an option for property management staff. I can't imagine the need to allow future managers the right to proceed with evictions of any nature over a 3 notice, 12 month period as warranted. My own experience with public housing organizations is that the tenant is rarely accommodated.

I have 5 times submitted (with my mental team support staff at Multnomah County Health Dept) reasonable accommodation of disability requests WHICH ALL HAVE BEEN DENIED ! The present landlord tenant interests have failed to protect my public tenancy and I adhere the thought of further tenant voice opportunity omitted in HB2305.

Please do not weaken the tenants rights to challenge thru existing process and by extending 6 month to a 12 month period !!

As a publically housed disabled tenant, this bill will unduly impact disabled tenants, tenants from marginalized communities, and tenants experiencing financial hardship. These groups are already over-policed by landlords, and establishing stable housing is a challenge for these groups.

This bill will make it easier for landlords to evict tenants for MINOR INFRACTIONS at abusive landlord discretion. Although this is not the specific goal of the Bill's

proponents, its overly broad nature will make it easy for bad actors to abuse it.

I sincerely urge you to protect Oregon's most vulnerable tenants by voting against HB 2305. You can aid those of us on the front lines of Oregon's housing crisis by focusing efforts on legislation that will make housing more available and more equitable for these groups.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony and for your service to our communities.

Sincerely,

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