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On Behalf Of:

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Hello, my name is Meg and I live and work in Portland. I work in housing case management serving our most vulnerable, chronically homeless veterans. I work with veterans in 4 counties to work with them to obtain housing. These folks oftentimes do not have prior rental history and are learning how to become good tenants for the first time. There is often a learning curve for becoming a renter or tenant for the first time. A bill like this would penalize folks who are learning or who have notices due to unrelated situations. This will negatively impact folks and lead to an increase in evictions, effectively making our already bad housing crisis worse. Please do not support this bill.