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

I am disabled and chronically ill, I am exactly who this bill will endanger. I have faced becoming houseless because of the abuse of power by my current landlord.

I have been looking for work and waiting for my disability claim to be approved for over a year and paying my rent (not lower income because the waitlist is so so long) has become almost impossible. its a reality check for some people who may consider that a job may make it easy to afford your home but that is so far from the daily reality.

My husband works 3 jobs and we cannot afford to pay our rent all at once on the first of the month. pay checks come sporadically and it's impossible to stay afloat in our current economy.

This reality is shared my MANY, MANY people in Portland and Oregon overall.

I fear a total loss of housing for thousands of people, there are NO FUNDED resources available until you reach a court eviction notice and that is way too late.

I am concerned that 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. 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,
Michelle Gonzales