



House Committee On Housing and Homelessness  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

March 10, 2025

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

SETA is a non-profit, public service organization dedicated to renters' rights and interests. We provide free community resources, including our free Tenant Hotline, and we directly serve about 240 renter households every month through combinations of several programs.

**SETA urges you to vote in support of HB 3493.**

Homelessness prevention is the crux of our work, the primary reason we exist. We work with our local communities in whatever capacity we are able to - all people across ideology, income levels, demographics, housing status, and any other identity. As a 501(c)3, we do not speak to renters about politics, but rather what their rights are and how to protect themselves, how to access available resources, and how to stay stably housed.

We have experienced, first hand, property managers and landlords of manufactured home parks denying our ability to speak to the residents about their rights. One park in particular that we had been to dozens of times before we were ultimately denied access. We were invited guests of the residents, who own their own homes, and yet still denied. Let us be clear - we were denied access because the property owner had a vested financial interest in the residents not knowing their rights.

HB 3493 is a common sense bill enshrining homeowners rights to free speech, ensuring residents can themselves choose if they want individuals at their front door, and cementing organizations like ours ability to prevent homelessness.

**We urge you to vote in support of HB 3493**

If you'd like to connect with me, please reach out to [tmorris@springfieldeugenetenantassociation.com](mailto:tmorris@springfieldeugenetenantassociation.com). Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim", is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Timothy Morris  
Executive Director  
Springfield Eugene Tenant Association