

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

My name is Jean Kang and I am writing on behalf of Eugene residents Steven and Susan Kang, who are concerned senior citizens and tenants in Eugene. I am writing to strongly urge you to **vote yes on SB 722**, a bill that provides vital protections for tenants and ensures fairer practices in the rental market. This policy proposal takes measurable steps to protect affordability and deliver real benefits to tenants who are struggling right now. By passing SB 722, we can create a more just and stable housing market that prioritizes the needs of renters over corporate profit.

I am writing to urge you to support SB 722, a crucial measure that would help protect Oregon's seniors from skyrocketing rents. My elderly parents have been long-time residents of Eugene, OR. In the ten years they have rented an apartment in downtown Eugene, their rent has tripled—despite living on a fixed Social Security income.

The rapid rise in housing costs is putting an unbearable strain on seniors like my parents, forcing them to choose between basic necessities and keeping a roof over their heads. Many elderly residents simply cannot afford these extreme rent increases, which threatens their ability to age in place with dignity and stability.

SB 722 offers much-needed relief by addressing these unsustainable rent hikes. I strongly urge you to vote **YES** on this measure to protect vulnerable seniors from displacement and financial hardship.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean Kang