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On Behalf Of:

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Testimony in Support of SB 722

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To: Senator Gorsek and Representatives Ruiz, Hartman, Senator Campos; Senators Gelser Blouin, and others.

My name is Kamelah Adams, and I am the founder of Mimi's Fresh Tees, a social justice apparel company based in Portland. I am writing in strong support of SB 722, which strengthens protections for tenants and ensures housing stability for our communities.

As a small business owner and a lifelong Oregonian, I have seen firsthand how housing insecurity impacts individuals, families, and entrepreneurs alike. The people who make our communities vibrant—teachers, artists, small business owners, and essential workers—are struggling to keep up with rising rents, unfair evictions, and housing policies that put profit over people.

Housing is not just a place to sleep; it is the foundation for stability, opportunity, and dignity. Without tenant protections, families are forced to move frequently, children are uprooted from schools, and small business owners like myself find it harder to thrive when our employees, neighbors, and customers are constantly displaced.

SB 722 is a necessary step toward ensuring that Oregonians have fair and stable housing. It provides protections that allow tenants to remain in their homes without fear of sudden, unjust evictions or exorbitant rent hikes. These protections are not just about housing—they are about economic stability, public health, and the future of our communities.

I urge you to pass SB 722 and stand with Oregon's tenants, families, and small business owners. Our state thrives when our people have a secure place to call home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kamelah Adams

Founder, Mimi's Fresh Tees