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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB722

Chairs and members of the committee,

I am you constituent from Eugene. I am a renter. My landlord is one nice guy who has raised my rent once in the past six years by \$25 and my rent is quite below market. I have more money than many of my friends and that isn't even why. The reason I tell you these things is that it is abundantly clear to me that good landlords aren't affected by these types of legislation. This legislation is basic consumer protection from greedy, mostly large corporate landlords. Years ago I worked a tenant rights hotline in my community and helped hundreds of other tenants understand their rights. Many times I was frustrated to share with others that the law did not appear to help them in their situation. I urge you to support this bill. There are many solutions needed to the housing and inequality crises and basic consumer protections for renters is one strategy that can immediately help real people and families. During the pandemic we enacted all kinds of protections that really helped people, and contrary to everything we heard from landlord lobbies, did not crush the housing market. Yet, we let many of those expire and we are seeing the consequences. Please support people over profit (profits will still be there!).

Thank you,

Joshua Caraco