

Submitter: Christopher Olson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB722

Dear Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and members of the Committee,

My name is Chris Olson. I live in Portland. I'm a member of the PDX RENTER POWER campaign for a Renters' Bill of Rights. The campaign represents hundreds of Portlanders who signed on to the RBoR and support this bill. Many low to middle-income Portlanders struggle to pay rent each month because it takes up such a large percentage of their paycheck.

For me personally, the cost of living in Portland has continued to skyrocket since I moved here in November 2020. In just a few short years my rent has doubled. The rent the landlords extract has prevented me from saving, and building wealth and destroyed any hopes of owning a home in the city I love. Landlords should not be allowed to use AI to collude and fix rental prices. You will have more and more people ending up unhoused or leaving the state because rent is too high.

Please support SB 722 and get this legislation passed.

Thank you,
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