

Testimony in Support of Rent Stabilization & Anti-A.I. Price Fixing (SB 722)
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Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Andersen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Patrina and I am a resident of Portland. I am writing to urge you to support SB 722.

I moved back to Portland in 2020 during Covid 19. I had to stay with my sister for a bit due to that not finding a place that was affordable. I was able to find a place that was somewhat affordable but just a living situation was just not that great. I've lived at the address for about 5 years and just getting a landlord to fix anything was just like pulling teeth. They want to raise the rent but they don't want to fix anything in the apartment complex. He was renting to people that were either on drugs or just was destroying the property and so he would raise a rent to fix the stuff that was being broken. There's been times where I was having a hard time paying my rent and Amazon the verge of losing like place because I couldn't pay my rent period. So we need to pass a law where these Landlords cannot keep raising the rent but don't want to fix anything in the apartments or anything around the apartments. They have to make it to where it's affordable as for us to be able to stay in in the home and not end up losing what we're staying period because just trying to find another place is going to be more expensive and just Not affordable for anybody. I've seen where they're charging different people for rent in the same apartment complex. So we need to make it to where if there gonna raise the rent. Make it Affordable to us and not get rich off of us.

We have to make where the written is affordable for people to stay in their home and not be homeless and not have nowhere to go if they cannot afford to pay their rent. And also make sure their landlord are being countable for making sure it's a livable situation.

The solution is to put a cap on how much they can raise and rent by. And also make them go in and fix stuff to make sure it's a livable situation so when the tenant are paying their rent they're paying for something that is livable and not unstable.

The need for me is just making a rent an affordable. I get Social Security so basically my social security literally goes to my rent and then I'm still trying to figure out how to be able to pay other bills that are coming up. So if we can cap it at a certain amount to where they do raise it it's so can be affordable to stay where I'm at I love the area that I live in it is close to everything due to that I am on the bus I have no transportation so I'd like there that I live in Pier but if they keep raising the rent I'm going to get the part where I'm not going to be with afford it and might be homeless or may have to go in Upstate with family because I can't afford to stay where I'm at. So we just have to do it toward these landlord can't keep raising the rent on us and getting rich off of us and then wearing a bind where we don't have a place to live now we're homeless and these shelters they get full so fast and then you know staying with family or friends it's hard because you don't want to invade their privacy so we just got to put a cap on the rent to where people can stay in their homes and not be on the verge of losing their home.

For these reasons, I urge you to support SB 722. Thank you.