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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Maddox Flagg from Portland. I am testifying today to support SB 722 with the Community Alliance of Tenants.

I moved from California to Portland with my best friend in June of 2024, the day after we graduated College. It's exciting to be starting my adult life in a new city and be truly independent from my parents for the first time!

The building my best friend and I moved to falls under the 15 year exemption period. Since I found that out I have been incredibly stressed about that rent increase that will inevitably come when my lease is up for renewal. I make less than 80% MFI and my groceries are paid for by SNAP. I can not afford a massive rent increase or moving costs. Neither can my best friend.

So please, I am asking you to support SB 722 and insure me, my best friend and over 80,000 other Oregonians can afford to keep living in the places we call home.