



community alliance of tenants

My name is Alexis Ames, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) in **support of HB 4123**.

Community Alliance of Tenants is a statewide, tenant-led organization that works with renters across Oregon through tenant education workshops, organizing support, and our Renters' Rights Hotline. Through this work, we engage with tenants from a wide range of backgrounds, household types, income levels, and life circumstances. What unites the tenants we work with is the shared need for stable housing where safety, dignity, and privacy are respected.

In order to apply for and maintain housing, tenants are often required to share highly personal and sensitive information with landlords and property managers. This can include financial records, identification documents, and other private details that most people reasonably expect to remain confidential. Currently, Oregon law does not clearly require that this information be protected once it is collected.

HB 4123 addresses this gap in a straightforward, common-sense way. It sets a clear expectation that tenant information should not be disclosed without written consent, except when required by a court order. This provides important protections for tenants while also offering clarity for landlords about how sensitive information should be handled.

Privacy is a basic part of housing stability. Tenants should not have to worry about the misuse or sharing of their personal information simply because they rent their homes. HB 4123 helps establish a reasonable standard that supports safer, more stable housing for renters across Oregon.

For these reasons, Community Alliance of Tenants supports **HB 4123** and urges its passage.

Sincerely,
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