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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St. NE, H-474
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Andersen, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

A significant portion of the population of Portland rents their homes with about 47% of real estate in the city occupied by renters. As we strive to support both tenants and landlords within the City, House Bill 4123 reflects a sensible approach to providing additional privacy and consumer protection for Oregon's renters.

Currently, Oregon's landlord-tenant laws do not explicitly lay out confidentiality protections for residential consumers. This lack of clearly defined consumer rights leaves prospective tenants, current tenants, and landlords open to confidentiality risk and exposure. Throughout the application, leasing, and tenancy process, tenants disclose a significant amount of sensitive personal information to landlords, including but is not limited to, their Social Security numbers, financial data, credit data, immigration and citizen status, and other personally identifiable demographic information.

Now more than ever, HB 4123 creates important safeguards for tenant privacy by clearly defining the types of consumer data that landlords must protect. This legislation will help build trust in the rental process and reduce potential risks like identity theft, discrimination, and improper disclosure of sensitive information. It also establishes clear standards and expectations for landlords, helping to reduce uncertainty, legal exposure, and compliance risk.

We strongly encourage you to support data privacy protections for Oregon renters by supporting HB 4123.

Sincerely,

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