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Hello Legislators

**HB 3582 Consumer input on saving Oregon Rental**

**Weatherization Tax credits May 23,**

**This tax credit program is unlike any other. Owners rental housing do not benefit directly from any heat bill reduction. The typical owner is paying at least 50 to 60% of the hard costs not including the tax credits and utility incentives. Some more some less. The tenants can see 25-40 % heat savings and translate that maybe that \$50 to \$ 100 a month in fuel savings for the tenant . This goes back into the pocket of the tenant. In this economy most tenants are not saving money but bleeding it right back into the economy. This money that the renter saves may also make the difference of staying in their apartments or feeding their children. One in 5 children are food compromise in Oregon and a huge number of children are in the care of parents renting. It all follows that the citizens that are the most fragile will benefit. Fuel assistance may be reduced or stopped.**

**Many owners to not even raise the rents when they weatherize. They do it to keep turn over down which costs them hundreds if not thousands of dollars in downtime /rents and ultimately the state of Oregon taxes. These tax credits do and have helped fuel the economy. One of the hardest hit economies has been construction. This is a proven already in place program to help industry and construction jobs. It has a historical record since 1979 and if it can be made to work smoother and quicker it will help a still very slow construction industry without the state having to do any stimulus. That 3 112 million dollar program results in 10-12 million dollars in gross contracts. This translate to factory jobs and onsite construction work. And all that money is circulated back. This program allows Local window Factories such as Oregon based factories Cascade Empire Pacific Windows, Cascade ( LBL) in Troutdale , Milgard Tualatin all provide windows and doors to provide living wage jobs. Insulation companies provide the fast payback improvements that are an integrative part of a total weatherization program.**

**Saving the weatherization tax credit supports the state wide goal to reduce carbon footprint and reduce the need for another energy generating plant. It supports the Bonneville /Energy Trust of Oregon /PUC programs and allows tenants that contribute 3% -5% of their energy bill to see something for their tax dollars. Without the 35% tax credit the Energy Trusts/ much smaller incentive ( approx 10% of project cost) will not be enough to help owners do this work. Tenants cannot do tenant improvements. **Tenants do not have a voice except through their landlords.** This is the ultimate in taxation without representation if the large population contributes and has no benefit fro those taxes.**

**Thank You**

**Mary Mann General Contractor / Rental Property owner /**