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To: Sen Shields; Sen Prozanski; Sen George L; Sen Baertschiger; Sen MonnesAnderson; Newell Channa

Subject: oppose SB 91

Dear Senator,

My livelihood comes from operating a controlled community which provides affordable housing, especially for lower income people and families. I screen my applicants closely for criminal history. I have gained the reputation as the nicest mobile home park in my area.

Single elderly women tell me that they don't lock their doors. A family leaving at the end of the month wrote a letter thanking me for the safe neighborhood I have provided for their children. My most recent tenants, an elderly couple, explained why they chose my park.

"It was the cleanest one in the area. In some, we didn't feel safe getting out of the car."

The hardest part of my job is selecting which applicants to accept.

Oregon laws give tenants extraordinary rights. It can be extremely difficult and expensive to remove a tenant from the community, especially if they are not honest. Criminals have proven their disregard for state laws. Why would they choose to follow the rules of my community? I have investigated court documents and talked with parole officers, and accepted felons in the past. My choices have been model tenants.

If you really want to help felons, give property owners their rights back: to remove a bad tenant immediately and easily.

Sincerely,

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