

Chair Keny-Guyer and members of the Committee:

I'm Daniel Wasil, from and I live in Portland. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

Hundreds of homeless people sleep on our streets, every night. Children sleep on the streets and attend schools.

Please, for their sake, and ours, get some homes in place for these homeless!

Thank you

Dan

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Sincerely,
Daniel Wasil

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I'm Kari Schlosshauer, from and I live in Portland. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

Every Oregonian should have a decent and stable home that they can afford. In my neighborhood and city, I've seen too many people evicted, and more who can't find or afford to rent or buy a home. Please make this your priority to help fix it now. This problem can't wait any longer.

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Sincerely,
Kari Schlosshauer

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I'm Cheryl Dodds, from and I live in Lincoln City. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

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I have long wondered why renters have so few rights in Oregon. In Ohio I was a homeowner and even rented another property so I know a bit about renters rights other than in Oregon. Here, the landlady threatened to evict me because my son who lives out of state came to visit for more than a week. She gave 3 days notice. She does unannounced (oh, it's legal because she sneaks up and sticks a flyer in my door late in the day and comes by the next day to inspect the property and I had no idea she had left the flyer stuck to the door) and in her inspections she goes through cabinets. How can this possibly be legal for a landlady to snoop through my belongings? If I complain she can just throw me out. She doesn't provide recycling of more than just cardboard and there are many apartments here with some of us being handicapped. Renters should have more rights than they do here. I am a senior citizen with a mobility handicap.

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Sincerely,
Cheryl Dodds

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I'm Linda Lloyd, from Neighbors, Tenants United and I live in Milwaukie. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

We live at Smith's mobile home estate. All here over ten years. All retired or special needs and all living on retirement. New owners Kara Kennedy and Latifeh Kennedy. Emon Interprise has run our park down. They have given me eviction late notices for no reason. I am harassed, threats, rude behavior is par for the course. Shady characters brought in. Filthy laundry room and no showers access though all their ads say different. I am 67 and want lights fixed. Pot holes bad. No management on site. Sheriff Dept is here more than them. It's a frightening place we use to call home. Gang tactic harassment and threats to take our homes. You die and chains are put on home so you cannot remove. Just happened to my neighbor. Won't allow sales. Greedy investors are killing residence slowly. Please help please stop investors destroying our state. I can prove everything.

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Linda Lloyd

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I'm Bill Bold, from and I live in Portland. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

The complex I currently live in was purchased by another company last August. Earlier this month I was given 90 days notice to vacate the apartment I have rented for 16+ years so they could "renovate" it. It will take 6 weeks to renovate the apartment and I am able to re-rent my old apartment but will have to pay \$700 more per month in rent!

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Sincerely,

Bill Bold

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I'm Lisa Pearlstein, from Care Oregon and I live in portland. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

I work with the indigent and the medically vulnerable, people accessing the ED for medical services. My job is to engage them and support them to access medical services with their PCP. All of the clients I work with have substandard housing, have had to move out of their home neighborhood or are actively homeless. It is imperative that we support and pass HB 4001! We need to take care our most vulnerable humans, Oregon needs to model humane and affordable housing to the west coast. We cannot become another San Francisco.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Pearlstein

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I'm Ann Blaker, from Bienestar and I live in Hillsboro. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

Bienestar staff have been receiving phone calls from people who either have lost their rental, or fear it, due to opportunistic actions on the part of landlords in this active rental market. People calling are looking for potential places to move to, and we have to break the news that our properties are consistently leased up, so they face yet another waiting list. It is virtually impossible for a low income family to find affordable housing. HB 4001 will protect people statewide from sudden "no-cause" eviction and sudden, frequent rent increases - both necessary to prevent additional homelessness and stress on local families.

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Sincerely,

Ann Blaker

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I'm Marih Alyn-Claire, from tenants priced out and I live in Portland. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

Seniors and other low income tenants all over our city are receiving no-cause evictions even after 20 plus years of stable tenancy for reasons of: sale of property, requesting mold clean-up and repairs be made, etc.

Landlords are evicting good tenants just to replace them with higher paying tenants (many from out of town). Local rents have been raised hundreds of dollars beyond the subsidy amounts for Section 8 vouchers and once stable residents are being priced out of their apartments.

This is a crisis because there are few affordable housing replacement opportunities available and people are put on 2-5 year wait-lists.

As a result, hundreds of seniors, families with children and the working poor are being displaced and becoming homeless. Women and children and people of color are growing in numbers in the homeless camps and the few shelters are out of capacity to receive more people.

Those rent burdened tenants who are able to remain in their apartments are cutting back on food, medical, heat, transportation and other necessities in order to keep up the increasing rent payments. These tenants who are on fixed and low incomes are the first ones to become homeless. This is a growing threat to the lives of our seniors, disabled, and low income populations and the stability of our communities. We need protective legislation passed immediately as an emergency measure until we can get things under control. Please do the right thing for our citizens now.

Thank you.

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Marih Alyn-Claire

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I'm Mary McMahan, from [redacted] and I live in Portland. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

As a North Portland resident, I see displacement and no cause evictions happening every day. My neighborhood has dozens of houses that were once rental homes. My neighbors got a no cause termination after several years of renting the same home. It's now an illegal airbnb. Less housing for Portlanders, people without homes. My next door neighbors recently received a 30% increase in their rent. when they tried to negotiate (they've never been late with rent, take great care of the property, etc) the landlord shrugged and told them he could double the rent if they would move out. Portland has supposedly enacted a 90 day notice for no cause evictions and large rent increases, yet several of my acquaintances report landlords and property managers trying to violate this law. Please support HB 4001. Renters, families, communities need help.

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Sincerely,

Mary McMahan

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I'm Rachel Stein, from [redacted] and I live in Portland. I am writing to ask for your support for basic tenant protections that will increase housing stability for Oregon's renter families as well as allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

I work with people in poverty and also experience my own financial challenges as a nonprofit employee making less than 80% of Median Family Income. Every day, I see evidence that the most needy in Portland are not sharing in the apparent economic growth and income increases that the greater Portland area is reporting. With the current low vacancy rate, increasing rent and utility costs, and outrageous home prices preventing low and middle income families from buying homes, long time Portland residents, particularly from our communities of color and from vulnerable populations, are being priced out of Portland. Rental housing laws must be changed in order to protect our residents and prevent flight from the city. The State has a responsibility to ensure that renters' rights are protected in order to keep families safe and give them an opportunity to thrive and to exit intergenerational cycles of poverty. Please do the right thing and enact the proposed tenant protections.

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