

Chair Williamson and members of the Committee:

I'm Jeanne Favini 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.

These protections are so basic, so minor, that it is hard to understand how you could vote against them and still have a conscience. My rent is being raised 3 times in 13 months -- an almost 22% increase. My social security check won't see any increase this year. Not sure how I'm going to be able to manage. And my landlord isn't the worst of them. Do what's right. Stand up to the greedy and corrupt lobby that is making Portland a national disgrace. This is a start.

Good tenants should not fear suddenly losing their homes or facing large rent increases, both of which can have devastating consequences, including homelessness. Tenants should have at least 90 days' notice for no-cause evictions and rent increases, and be protected from retaliation.

We must act now to help renters maintain housing stability and to increase the number of affordable units. I hope that you will support these measures. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Favini