

I ask that you **support House Bill 2004**. This is a critical step in limiting the unbridled power of landlords in Portland and throughout the state, which has until now been limited only bounds of their greed and their willingness to exploit the working families of our city and state.

I have been a renter and single parent in Portland since 2004. Out of a sense of civic responsibility and duty to the underserved of Oregon, I made the decision to become a family physician. While a student at OHSU, I watched helplessly as the rental market careened out of control and my children and I were forced to find housing in friends's spare rooms, then basements, then backyards. Even now with a resident salary, even the two bedroom apartment my children and I shared in Sellwood became too costly.

The **malignant rental market in Portland must be reigned in** before every working family, everyone who strives to give back to the community (even physicians!), and everyone but the wealthiest minority is priced out of the city.

Feel free to contact me for further discussion,

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