

Chair Keny-Guyer and the House Committee on Human Services and Housing:

My name is Matt Kinshella. My family and I live in NE Portland.

I believe in a state where everyone has access to opportunity and a decent, stable, affordable place to call home.

I lived in unstable housing situations when I was a kid. It was hard to concentrate in school or with friends. It caused my mom a lot of stress and impacted her ability to look for work. This is the reality for many of my Portland neighbors.

Today, my family has a stable home. My wife and I are able to contribute at work and in our community. Our son is able to grow and learn. Every family in the state deserves this kind of life. The tenant protections in HB 2004 are an important step in making housing stability a reality and I urge you to support them.

By investing in housing opportunities, we can create an Oregon with a better future for all of us. Oregon will be better educated, healthier and more productive at work.

Thank you,

Matt Kinshella