

Dear Housing and Human Services Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support of HB2004. There is no doubt that Oregon is facing unprecedented instability caused by out of control housing costs and low vacancy. I know that you agree, we need housing solutions. I hope that you will read this letter to understand why I and many of my community members agree that HB 2004 is the right solution for Oregon.

No cause evictions strip tenants of basic rights to their homes. Having worked on the front lines of the affordable housing crisis for a decade, I know how often seniors received no cause eviction and had no choice but to pick up and try to find a new home. Far too often no cause evictions were used to get tenants to leave because they asked for basic repairs, or there is some mysterious sense of discrimination present. It's no doubt that the applied practice of using no cause eviction is a fair housing violation. Landlords who purport to rely on no cause evictions to get rid of bad tenants have a just and legal method to do so: for cause evictions. There is no practical need for the no cause eviction other than to give landlords flexibility to act with out legal protection or recourse on the part of the tenant.

I urge you to stand up for a just cause standard in Oregon. Please pass HB 2004.

Thank you,
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