

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to pass HB 2004 and provide Oregon tenants with some much-needed relief from our statewide housing emergency.

Too many tenants who work hard and pay their rent on time are still subject to no-cause evictions and then face homelessness when they can't afford to move into a new home. Students have to leave schools where they have built strong connections and their educational outcomes are negatively impacted.

Arguments about the need for increased supply make a valid point while deflecting from three important facts: 1) it takes time to build supply 2) building more housing may not actually decrease prices, especially if changes in supply don't keep pace with increased demand 3) building adequate supply does not do anything for people receiving no-cause evictions today.

Housing is a human right. It is the building block to us meeting all of our other needs, including getting jobs and completing education. You have a chance to do something historic to help Oregon tenants. Please pass HB 2004.

Sincerely,

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