

Good afternoon,

As a single millennial working paycheck to paycheck I know how precarious housing is for people like me, and my friends and neighbors. It is alarming people are kicked out of a home they've lived in for years for no reason and with little notice. No cause evictions are a devastating hardship. The current rental climate, with the limited supply, high rent, high deposits, and fees just to apply is impossible. Low vacancy rates are not just common in the Portland Metro area, places like Ashland are also experiencing extremely low rates of vacancy which is driving up rent. The legislature not only circumvented a \$15/hr minimum wage over several years, they declared that those outside the UGB should receive less. So while the housing crisis is statewide, those outside the UGB must find a way to survive with less. Continuing to ignore these needs will result in more primary challenges and less incumbents returning to Salem.

The Oregon legislature MUST enact renter protections. It is much cheaper to keep people housed than it is to care for the houseless.

Please support protections for renters and support HB 2004.

Thank you,

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