

To whom it may concern,

Currently, renters are facing impossible circumstances in the State of Oregon. Since the long and dedicated work that Community Alliance of Tenants has taken on joining with tenants to improve their conditions and security, and since Portland Tenants United has advocated for and organized complexes, more and more unions have sprouted across Oregon. Eugene Tenants United, Momnouth Independence Tenants Union, and Southern Oregon Tenants Union, to name a few.

This is because tenants have realized that the game is rigged. Landlords can presently deny repairs or retaliate when they are requested, Landlords can discriminate and deny housing vouchers, or keep terms at a month to month arrangement, can deny deposits, and can afford the legal fees that tenants cannot.

This is why we need a change, why we need to allow local jurisdictions experiencing housing emergencies to regulate an unfair market, and why we need HB 2004 to pass.

Sincerely,

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