

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you IN SUPPORT of HB 2004 to protect tenant rights at a bare minimum in the ever-volatile rental landscape of Oregon. I am a renter in Portland, Oregon and know firsthand the difficulty of finding and maintaining affordable housing.

I have a decent-paying job and have been gainfully employed since moving to Portland. I would consider myself as having some economic security in 2017. I have never been evicted and do my best to maintain respectful relationships with my landlords and their properties.

Unfortunately, I have found it necessary to move 3 times in the last 4 years in order to continue living in the city affordably. It is an excruciating process and one that I fear having to deal with on a constant basis whether it come from price increases, roommate arrangements, pet allergies, etc. Beyond staying in a home, the act of even being able to find a home can take weeks, if not months. It is a time-consuming and occasionally expensive process. I find myself continually keeping tabs on the rental market in Portland just in case I am thrust back into it.

The housing issue in Oregon is a crisis even before tenant-landlord relationships come into play. I believe the support of HB 2004 would provide necessary relief to a major source of anxiety in Oregon. It is a bare minimum fix that can only lead to more good, more security, and more stability.

Thank you.  
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