

Oregon House of Representatives
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

Chair Keny Guyer, Vice Chair Sanchez, Vice Chair Olson, and Members of the
Committee:

My name is Bonnie New, and I live in Hood River. I am a retired physician, now working as a community volunteer. I lead the housing division of our age-friendly community advocacy group, Aging in the Gorge Alliance.

I am writing to tell you that housing instability is indeed an issue here in the Gorge, as it is in most of the rest of Oregon. Renters are particularly vulnerable, as they can lose loing their homes for no reason with as little as 30 days notice. This impacts everyone - our children, workers, and entire community - and can truly be a disabling or even life-threatening event for elders. 4 out of every 10 Oregonians rent their homes and are thus subject to this type of instability. We need the legislature to act to protect their interests.

I strongly urge you to support HB 2004 to end no-cause evictions and repeal the ban on rent stabilization.

Thank you,
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