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Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Olson, and members of the Committee,

My name is Rachel Post and I am the Public Policy Director for Central City Concern in Portland. CCC works with 13,000 individuals exiting and at risk of homelessness per year through our continuum of affordable supported housing, integrated patient centered health care and employment programming. Our Old Town Clinic serves 8,000 of OHP's most vulnerable patients as documented by fact that most of them experience multiple physical and behavioral health conditions resulting from years on the streets and living in poverty. Nearly 25% of our patient population have Hepatitis C and over a quarter of our patients are being treated for opioid disorders. More than 50% of our patients are trauma survivors. We know through numerous peer reviewed research studies nationally, that stable, dependable housing is critical to promoting recovery and enduring health for our client population who typically earn 0-30% of FPL. They must have basic protections from no-cause evictions and unreasonable rent increases if we hope to bend the cost curve on health and community justice expenditures and make significant strides on ending homelessness for Oregonians.

As HB 2004 moved through the House, legislators worked to address the concerns of both renters and landlords and proposed amendments that sought to balance these concerns. HB 2004A helps create essential housing stability for renters by providing significant protections against no-cause evictions and allowing local jurisdictions to implement rent stabilization policies.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to the State of Oregon.

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