

May 2, 2017

Dear Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Olsen, and
Members of the Committee,

My name is Valori Victor, a senior renter in Portland.

HB 2004 will roll back the terror of losing stable housing that has axed the peace and joy of feeling at home in Portland. I love Portland like a person and admire Oregon's rich character and history of wisdom, compassion and courageous foresight.

Without the protections of HB 2004, the terrorism of "it's just business" philosophies and tactics will continue to push individuals and families out of their lives of dignity, health and potential citizenship contributions — out onto the streets — very not-American futures. And, do not want to join the growing masses, I'm in awe of the resilience, resourcefulness and integrity of the human spirit I see in droves all over our streets.

Imagine you or your loved ones deprived of available indoor plumbing whenever needed; of sleep that's essential for brain function and all realms of health; of educational and employment opportunities due to financial and lifestyle discrimination. Call it trickle-down or domino effect. It must be stopped. It bludgeons "liberty and justice for all."

I'm fortunate to have a Section 8 voucher (I waited 9 years for it) and reside in purported safe circumstances. Nevertheless, who ever expected to see what we are seeing now in the United States!!! >>> All things presently considered, the potential prospects are conducive to an insidious undercurrent of terror. I see by my positive upward slanting sentences here that I still have more faith than fear, thank God. Please and thank you for supporting humane practices over profit addictions at all cost — people's lives!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,
Valori Victor

YES! ON HB 2004