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To: SHS Exhibits; Sen Courtney; Sen Devlin
Subject: Support HB 2004A

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

My name is Brenna Bell, and I live with my family in SW Portland. I want to tell you about one of the worst moments of my life. It was October 8, 2004. One week earlier, I had given birth to my first child and was still recovering from the labor and the sleepless swirl of new motherhood. A friend had brought my partner and I dinner, and we were eating together and discussing the joys and difficulties of new parenthood. I was in sleepy baby blissland. Then a process server taped an eviction notice on to my door and my world turned upside down. No prior notice. No cause. 45 days to move my new little family out of the home in which I had just given birth. The first month of my daughter's life became a time of intense stress rather than the period of peace I long imagined. The scars of that moment took a very long time to heal - and I will never get back the time I lost with my new daughter.

No new mother should face a no-cause eviction. No one should face a no-cause eviction.

I know my story is but one of so many tenants who face hardship and struggle because of housing instability. It is in your power to give local jurisdictions the tools needed to create more security, and more dignity, for renters. Please support HB 2004A.

sincerely,
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