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

My name is Dung Ho and I currently live in SE Portland in the Brooklyn neighborhood and have lived here for the last two years. I love where I live because it is a walk-able neighborhood near parks, public transit, some groceries, near my elderly mother, and it is peaceful. My roommate moved out and my landlord increased my rent by nearly 10%, our rent is \$1,575 plus we have to pay utilities. It was very stressful for me to figure out what my options were, in the end, my only option is to move. I have until the end of May to find a new home, this is the first time in my rental history that I cannot choose what my rental budget is, the rental market has chosen that for me and I am now forced to be on a very tight budget to secure a home. Even if I sign a fixed term lease now, I still may get another rent increase that will force me to move again in 12months because I am forced to live in a place that I can barely afford now. I am fortunate enough to make it work, I won't be left on the streets like many other Oregon renters.

The thought of a landlord being able to uproot me from my home again makes me sick. For the last few months, as I walk through my neighborhood, I am saddened that it will no longer be my neighborhood. It is stressful, it is depressing, it is disruptive, it is dis-empowering, it is scary, it is not the great state of Oregon that I am usually so proud of being born in. 4 in 10 Oregon households that are renters need protection from eviction without cause and extreme and sudden rent increases. We must act now. We cannot build our way out of this problem. Please support HB 2004A to provide fairness and stability for the millions of Oregonians who are renters.

Thank you,
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