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**From:** Lois Herring <annunciation.oregon@juno.com>  
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**To:** SHS Exhibits  
**Subject:** HB 2004 Requested Amendment

I request that you would amend HB2004 in order to avoid doing a significant injustice to my church.

My church (an Oregon corporation) owns a rental house, which we used twenty years ago as a rectory. Our priest then purchased his own home, and we began renting out the house. This priest is now nearing retirement, and when his successor is assigned, we would like to have the option of terminating the tenant's tenancy in order to offer a rectory to the successor priest. **We would not be able to do this without violating the terms of HB2004 (and therefore being required to pay three months' rent plus actual damages to the tenant).**

Although I believe this situation is analogous to that of an individual landlord who wanted to allow an immediate family member to live in his rental property, it appears to me that the bill's definition of "immediate family member" would definitely exclude the situation of a church offering a rectory to its pastor.

**I urge you to amend HB2004 so that a landlord that is a church, and that owns no more than two rental units, would be permitted to terminate a tenancy in order to provide a primary residence for its pastor(s).**

Respectfully,

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