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To: SHS Exhibits **Subject:** Hb2004A

My name is Michelle Pelletier and I have lived in Wilsonville, Oregon for 9 years. I watched rents double in 6 years and was lucky to buy a small home before rent went out of control. My mortgage for a 3 bedroom home is less than rent for many 2 bedroom apartments here. Apartments full of mold, old carpet and broken appliances. Skyrocketing housing costs are hurting too many families. When families making over \$60,000 per year cannot afford a home, family, and minor debt load...we have a crisis. When the homeless population is taking over our once beautiful and vibrant small towns and downtown Portland, we have a crisis. When a family of two working full time cannot afford to live above poverty level we have a problem. As a Recruiter for 20 years, I see a shift and Oregon companies are having a harder

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time competing for top talent because our salaries are still low and our housing is obscenely over priced and our traffic is horrible.

Please protect our residents and keep housing affordable. Please allow rent controls. Please protect hard working citizens of this State and the families.

4 in 10 Oregon households are renters who need protection from eviction without cause and from 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, Michelle Pelletier