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Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Olsen, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

I am writing to you as the head of the Housing Committee of the Aging in The Gorge Alliance, and represent the interests of the ever-growing group of elders in Oregon's Columbia River Gorge. We are strongly in favor of HB 2004A because almost half of elders in our area are renters, and they need desperately need the protections offered in the bill – protections against gigantic rent increases, and against homelessness resulting from unaffordable rents and unjust evictions. Elders are most commonly on fixed incomes, and are often vulnerable because of lack of family nearby and other reasons for social isolation. Unstable housing is a further threat to their general well-being, and for this reason housing is considered one of the major social determinants of health for elders in the U.S.

HB2004A has equitable protections for both tenants and landlords, and is long overdue.

Thank you for your work to make housing for renters more stable and equitable.

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