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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Elizabeth Gray and I live in NE Portland.

As part of my work at a local nonprofit, I facilitate the Rent Well program. Rent Well is a tenant education program. In this 12 session program, participants are supported in developing a housing portfolio, becoming familiar with landlord/tenant and anti-discrimination laws, and putting their best presentation forward to a housing provider.

Many participants in this and other agency programs are facing extremely challenging circumstances in the housing market. Several of our current Rent Well participants are staying in shelters, in cars, or doubled up because they faced untenable rent increases in past apartments. They hope to find secure permanent housing once again. Portland's recent legislation has provided a temporary reprieve and greater sense of security for our clients who are already housed - and live within city limits - but more must be done.

I encourage you to support HB2004 and

- provide greater protection against rent increases.
- allow for local control over rent control

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Gray