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To: SHS Exhibits
Subject: HB2004

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I would like to urge you to allow HB 2004 to be heard for discussion. As a member of the Ashland Housing & Human Services Commission, we in Southern Oregon are facing a crisis in housing affordability. Our commission has heard from several tenants who have been forced out of their apartments by landlords suddenly and without warning raising rents by up to 50% with only 30-day notice, thereby forcing evictions at previously unheard of rates.

These evictions are disproportionately and precipitously forcing the elderly and single mothers with children out of housing. This practice is worsening our housing crisis, often forcing residents to seek housing in other towns and communities. This practice by rental companies and landlords is adversely affecting all of Southern Oregon.

I hope that you will allow discussion of HB2004 to move forward as something urgently needs to be done to help keep residents in affordable housing.

Thank You,
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