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Good evening Oregon Legislature,

My name is Chief Warrant Officer Jose Vega, I am an active duty stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. I am purchasing a townhome in Beaverton and for the last 12 years I have either broken even or lost money on the rental. Its a condo so I pay nearly 400.00 a month in HOA fees and another 60.00 a month for insurance on the appliance. This does not take into account the yearly taxes.

My wife and I are trying to pay additional principal so when I retire in a few years and my income is cut in half we will have a safe home to return to. Does this bill mean that when I leave the army my family and I may have to find an apartment in a less safe neighborhood because I cannot return to my house? Am I going to become a homeless veteran with rental property?

If this bill passes I will ensure that once my current tenant leaves I will not have tenants. The house will remain vacant until I retire and return to Oregon. I don't trust rent control having seen how my alcoholic uncle destroyed an apartment over 30 years in New York City and the landlords were helpless to evict him based on Rent Control laws. Please do not vote yes on this bill.

very respectfully,

Jose and Cecilia Vega