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**From:** Kati Sweaney <sweaneyk@gmail.com>  
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**To:** SHS Exhibits  
**Subject:** Please support HB 2004 -- it will help students graduate

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to urge you strongly to support House Bill 2004 and improve protections for renters in the state of Oregon.

I work in higher education in Portland, Oregon. When I began in 2002, Portland was a good place for a low-income student to live; rents were affordable and housing was in good supply. Now, I watch my students struggle to find a place to live, as on-campus housing can no longer meet demand and the affordable units in the area are being bought up, torn down, or seeing rents increase dramatically.

**Recent studies have found that between 8 and 15 percent of college students are homeless** ([https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/07/education/edlife/college-student-homelessness.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/07/education/edlife/college-student-homelessness.html?_r=0)). **No-cause evictions, lack of relocation assistance, and the non-existence of rent control directly impact Oregon college students' ability to remain in school, complete their studies, and ultimately achieve their dreams.**

Housing is not an isolated issue; it impacts every aspect of an Oregon citizen's life. If you want to see more students earn college degrees in this state, please do the right thing and vote in favor of HB 2004.

Yours sincerely,  
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