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Cc: Sen Monroe
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Dear Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Olsen, and Members of the Committee,

I am a tenant. I belong in Oregon. I am a part of your community and my housing is not an option. We need to lift the ban on state-wide rent control.

I have watched as the families of children in my stepdaughter's class have been pushed into homelessness. The last few years of the housing crisis in Portland have been a lesson in the terrible toll in human suffering that results from a largely unregulated rental market, that treats the most basic of human needs as something that can be taken from you the moment someone else is willing to pay more.

We have failed to provide enough housing for everyone who lives in our cities, in large part because we have chosen, as a matter of policy, to cater to the aesthetic preferences and financial interest of existing, established homeowners in a scarcity of housing. It is fundamentally unjust to ask tenants to bear the brunt of those decisions, in the form of constant risk of upheaval and displacement.

Thanks for listening,

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