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**From:** Jennifer Oswald <jloswald@eou.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** SHS Exhibits  
**Subject:** In support of HB 2004

Esteemed Representatives,

Hello from the Rockwood neighborhood of Portland/Gresham! My name is Jennifer Oswald, and I wish to add my perspective to this very important discussion. In addition to being a tenant myself, I sat on Gresham's task force on homelessness last summer. During the course of our meetings, we heard from many different experts in the field. Charles Hodge, with Human Solutions, spoke to the sheer number of families seeking emergency shelter. Not only was the total number overwhelming, but the percentage of those families that were facing homelessness for the very first time was staggering. Without rent stabilization, those numbers will continue to grow at exponential rates. At an average cost of over \$6,000 each, the burden associated with regaining housing for these families is one that the state of Oregon and local municipalities cannot continue to absorb alone. Asking landlords to help with these costs is decidedly distasteful to the landlords. However, continuing to put these burdens on the government alone is both unfair and unreasonable. Property taxes are limited to set percentage increases annually. Asking rent increases to be similarly limited is both reasonable and equitable. I beg you to consider the families that are depending on you to create stability for us, and to vote yes on HB 2004. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Oswald