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**From:** Daniel Whittaker <daniel@neptunemedia.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2017 3:06 PM  
**To:** SHS Exhibits  
**Subject:** PLEASE support HB 2004 a do the right thing!!

Hello,

I know that the Senate is debating the fate of HB 2004 and am writing to URGE you to do the right thing and vote in favor of this law... help renters in this state, especially the Portland metro area, who have been blindsided by skyrocketing rents in conjunction with outdated laws that all work against them. The laws in this state are horribly tipped in the favor of landlords and this needs to END NOW.

There are few major metropolitan areas and large cities that allow no-cause evictions. This is a horrible law that should have been rescinded years ago. Landlords already have a tool to evict people who deserve to be evicted. It's called FOR CAUSE EVICTION. No cause evictions are used by landlords because it's much less hassle to get rid of someone this way. No landlord should be allowed to kick people out of their homes for no reason. Rental laws and owning rental property should be held to a completely different standard of laws than renting anything else. Housing/shelter is a basic human necessity. No landlord should be able to kick a family out of their home, throwing their lives and livelihoods into utter chaos, all for the sake of profit.

As far as rent control goes, it does WORK. It works for the people who are the majority that are negatively impacted by skyrocketing rents. Landlords can still raise rents under any rent control law. Mostly I feel that rent control should not be a statewide ban and should really be up to individual cities and municipalities to enact. Rent control is desperately needed in Portland to keep the flavor and diversity of this city and help those people and families who are being priced out in record numbers.

I also feel that reducing the relocation fees from 3 months to one is UNACCEPTABLE.

Please put yourself in the place of a renter: a typical family with two incomes who are barely making it and live a paycheck to paycheck. Any disruption of their lives and the massive costs of relocating anywhere in the metro area is devastating, ripping families from their communities and children from their schools.

It's time to change our laws to HELP RENTERS. Landlords need no help as they are making money hand over fist in the current climate of being able to raise rents to whatever they want.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 2004!

Thank you.

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