Hello,

My name is Paul Arensmeyer. I am a renter who lives in Portland.

On October 1, 2016, I moved into a house in NE Portland. I was a good tenant, I kept my part of the house clean, I got along well with the other tenant, I paid my rent and utility bills on-time. In January, the other tenant and I challenged our landlord on a utility bill, and all hell broke loose.

Between February 1 and April 1 I received six eviction notices; non legally filed, none with 90 days notice, all no-cause. (One was a hand-written five-day notice.) Also, both the other tenant and I were barraged with passive-aggressive and sometimes threatening emails and phone calls. Each time we asked the landlord for a conversation, she refused and her behavior became even more aggressive.

Rather than the personal sanctuary "home" should be, mine became a constant source of stress. I moved out on April 5, 2017. I was only in the house for six months.

Now, this landlord will not return my deposit to me because I didn't give her 30 days notice that I was moving out.

This landlord only owns one rental property and is exempt from the City of Portland's Relocation Ordinance. She is exactly the kind of landlord that make tenant protections necessary.

Please pass HB2004!

Thank you, Paul Arensmeyer

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