

As a homeowner who spent the first 40 years of my life as a renter, I support the passage of HB 2004.

We received an \$8,000 tax rebate via a limited time program for home buyers under the Obama admin. We get to deduct mortgage interest from our Oregon taxes. Numerous first time home buyer programs exist at the federal level and state programs exist to help first time buyers as well.

Yet renters, who make up a slight majority of the population, get nothing. They are left at the whim of markets and land owners. With the added irony that “boom” times, which generate economic growth for most people, actually harms renters. A booming economy pushes up rent prices, wiping out most of the benefit they might receive. No-cause evictions actually serve to push longtime area residents out of a booming local economy. Robbing them of the chance to enjoy the economic prosperity.

Please support HB2004. Or we will replace you in the next election. I’m not kidding.

Thanks

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