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Dear Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Olsen, and Members of the Committee,

I have been a renter for 6 years since moving to Portland. Housing costs are skyrocketing here and we desperately need to put controls in place because incomes are not rising fast enough to account for these extreme increases. Lifting the state-wide ban on rent control is step #1. Doing so will allow Portland, the city I call home to address this problem on their own, in a way specific to its needs and its population of renters. Other metro areas will be able to do the same, in the ways that they see fit.

Please support this legislation because no-cause evictions need to be stopped too. This ability for landlords to evict someone with no cause is just a way to pad their pockets and "cash in" on this high-value rental market that is happening right now, and will likely discontinue in the future, as is inevitable with every kind of market fluctuation.

Thank you for hearing my testimony,

Sincerely,
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