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

I was a tenant in Portland for 15 years. I was lucky enough to be able to purchase my home, but many of my friends and relatives do not have that option. For them (and for me before them) rising rents are a financial barrier to a balanced life. Some live in shared housing that does not amply accommodate the number of tenants needed to cover the rent. There were times when I felt dangerously close to living on the street myself. And this is just about the financial aspects of the issue. Should we talk about the physical and mental harm that arises from the stress and depression associated with being a paycheck away from losing your home? The strain it puts on your relationships?

We need to lift the ban on state-wide rent control. You must be accountable to your constituents.

Thank you,
Alan Dubinsky