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**To:** SHS Exhibits  
**Subject:** Support for HB 2004

To My Legislators,

I must implore you to please pass HB2004 without amendment. As a renter, I live in constant fear of a rent increase. My landlord has unjustifiable power over my life because of this. The arrangement of renter-landlord relationships is such that I am absolutely at the whim of his desire to make a profit. While I love my landlord, I need my state government to back me up when it comes to my right to stable, affordable housing.

It is absolutely necessary that you remove the preemption on rent control. Many other cities have used this policy, some well and some poorly. But to block the policy at the state level requires a myopic lack of faith in the people of your state to enact a sensibly arranged policy that keeps people stably housed, without threat of rampant rent hikes.

I know you're reasonable. I know you're working to balance the interests of land owners with those of renters. Unfortunately, the current law there is no balance. I can be thrown out of my home - the 14th place I've rented in the ten years I've lived in Oregon - because someone wants to make some more money. It just isn't fair.

Please, protect renters from no-cause evictions and unfair rent increases. Allow rent stabilization and require cause for evictions. It's the right thing to do.

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