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Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Sen Courtney; SHS Exhibits
Subject: Please vote YES on HB 2004

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

I am a tenant living in Oregon. We need to lift the ban on state-wide rent control. You must be accountable to your constituents on this and not the interests of business or landlords. The people who are most vulnerable need your leadership right now, and while this includes every tenant in Oregon, the housing crisis disproportionately impacts communities of color, immigrants, low income families and LGBTQ folks more.

I have personally experienced the crunch in Oregon. It was terrifying trying to find a new place to live. My previous landlord gave notice after two and a half years causing no trouble and paying rent on time, to do substantial renovations and raise the rent. When I first moved in back in 2014, a room was \$525; by 2016, it was \$750. Notice came in November 2016 -- with the option to "reapply" after renovations. The rent to reapply: \$1000 - PLUS utilities. This was for a room in a basement in a house with four roommates.

Please help. Your constituents need your leadership right now. For our safety, for our stability, for our futures.

Sincerely,
Jamee Greer