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To: SHS Exhibits **Subject:** House Bill 2004

To the Senate Human Services Committee:

As a long-time Portland renter and a current resource referral specialist at a large local social service agency, I strongly support HB 2004. The entire state of Oregon is facing a housing and rental crisis, and the provisions contained in this legislation are crucial to addressing the problem. My agency receives many requests for assistance from individuals and families who are struggling to adjust to drastic rent increases or who need help finding new housing after being given a no-cause eviction, but help can be hard to find because the region's housing services are completely overwhelmed. This is an extremely dangerous state of affairs, especially for families with children, and it puts many people at risk of financial distress and homelessness.

I encourage the Human Services Committee to support HB 2004, which will allow localities to implement rent in the way that makes the most sense for the needs of their region and will protect vulnerable communities from no-cause evictions and potential homelessness.

Thank you,

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