



May 5, 2017

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

My name is Amanda Saul and I am a Senior Program Director in the Portland office of Enterprise Community Partners, a national organization working to create and advocate for affordable homes in thriving communities linked to good schools, jobs, transit and health care.

I write to urge your support for HB 2004A to protect the 4 in 10 Oregonians who rent. The bill would provide strong protections against no-cause evictions and allow local jurisdictions to implement rent stabilization.

I have been working with non-profit affordable housing providers for over 20 years. All of those non-profits that own affordable housing are also landlords. Because of the Federal and sometimes local restrictions placed on those projects the affordable housing owners are not allowed to use no-cause evictions. Those landlords have successfully worked with their residents without using a no-cause eviction and market-rate landlords can do the same.

We must act now, and we cannot build our way out of this problem. Please support HB 2004A to provide fairness and stability for the millions of Oregonians who are renters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Saul".

Amanda Saul, Senior Program Director  
Enterprise Community Partners