

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

I am a renter in N. Portland. I fear that I will come home any day and find a rent increase notice or no-cause eviction notice that would force me out of my home. Please pass HB 2004 to provide stability and security for renters throughout Oregon.

I also work as a tenant organizer in NE Portland's Cully neighborhood. My organization, Living Cully, has worked to support 18 low-income families at the Normandy Apartments who received rent increases of over 100%. Almost all of them are desperately looking for new homes, and the vast majority are forced to move far from their neighborhood and community, and their children's schools.

<http://www.wweek.com/news/city/2017/01/24/a-100-percent-rent-hike-at-northeast-portland-apartment-building-could-force-40-rigler-elementary-school-students-to-move/>

Portland and other local jurisdictions need the local control to determine how to address the housing crisis that is forcing families out of their homes, and out of our city all together. Please pass HB 2004, so that Portland can consider common-sense regulations that will provide housing stability for the hardworking families who contribute so much to our state.

Sincerely,
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