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**Cc:** Sen Courtney  
**Subject:** HB 2004

Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Olson and Members of the committee, I am writing in support of HB 2004. I am currently a home owner in the Cresten-Kenilworth neighborhood in Portland but was a renter for most of the last 28 years in Portland. It was recent enough to remember the powerlessness I felt as a renter to get repairs to broken windows, mold removed and general up keep to my rental homes. Often my requests were ignored and I didn't have the means or know how to challenge my landlords in court. The market was so tight, I had to live in substandard conditions because I was afraid to compete for an affordable home.

I am also a second grade teacher in Portland Public Schools. I see an increasing number of students pass in and out of my classroom because of homelessness or housing insecurity. This year I have had 4 students move in and out as a result of this-- one lasting only 7 days before her family had to move on in search of stable housing. The impact of housing instability on kids is profound. It often results in gaps in learning and the loss of friendships, stable relationships and community.

We are dealing with a crisis the impact of which will resonate for years to come. My partner was going out every night during this harsh winter to bring food, blankets and clothes to the many people living on the streets in our neighborhood. This is our community. These are our neighbors. We have to do better. I support this bill as one of the many ways we must employ to deal with this crisis.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Hanes