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To: SHS Exhibits
Cc: Sen Courtney
Subject: Support HB2004A

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

My name is Babatunde Azubuiké. My family and I live in Portland Oregon. I am relatively new to Oregon. I just moved here with my partner because we were able to find employment in my field. We moved here from Atlanta because we could follow our dreams. We spent thousands of dollars to get here. When we first moved here I thought I had an understanding of how bad the housing issues are here. (It took months to find affordable housing!) But we were privileged to get an apartment in SE Portland. Luckily, we are locked in for a year.

Many of my neighbors and friends in the community have not been as lucky. I know folks at Normandy Apartment whom are being evicted for NO REASON other than because over development and gentrification. There are over 60 children in that complex and they will now have to move in the middle of the school year! This is an outrage. The people here in Oregon deserve homes to raise their children and families. Now that this is my home I deserve a place to raise my family. The cost of living will only increase but it is our duty as a community to protect those who are most vulnerable and empower those who are the most marginalized.

I implore you, as our appointed and elected officials, to help the communities you represent and **please support HB2004A**. We the citizens of Oregon deserve the chance to have roots here. We want strong communities that last.

Thank you for your time,

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