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**From:** Megan Kidd <megkidd@pdx.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2017 4:06 PM  
**To:** SHS Exhibits  
**Subject:** Lift the ban on rent control

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

I am a student at Portland State Univ. and a long term renter tenant in NE Portland. Over the years I have had to endure several 10% rent increases. Last year's was the last I can reasonably afford. I already pay over 50% of my monthly income for a 500 square foot apartment. It's not as if I can just move somewhere more affordable. The problem of exorbitant rents goes beyond Portland's city limits. Another rent increase would mean dropping out of school. The whole reason I went back to school is to give myself more and better options. I have worked at New Seasons Market for 8 years and while it remains a decent place to work, the wages cannot compete with the cost of living here. It's crazy to me that Portland and the state of Oregon seems to welcome people from elsewhere more than it values it's own citizens and long time residents. I am a part of your community and my housing is not an option. I need you to lift the ban on state-wide rent control. You must be accountable to your constituents!

Thank you for your time spent reading my story.

Sincerely,

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