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To: SHS Exhibits; Sen Courtney
Subject: Support HB 2004

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

I am a tenant living in SE Portland. I am also a social worker who works with low-income clients with disabilities who are also tenants.

I have witnessed neighbors, friends, and clients experience no cause evictions and/or egregious rent increases which have made it impossible for them to remain in their homes, and for some, has even lead to homelessness. As a renter, I too have faced the hardship of paying ever growing rent each year which is exhausting more and more of my income, and compromising my ability to afford to live in Portland. I am in constant fear of rent increases pushing me and my fellow Portlanders out of my/our homes, and even out of the state.

This commonplace practice of no cause evictions and skyrocketing rents is effecting us all, but is especially impacting seniors, people with disabilities, and people of color who are vulnerable to discrimination and retaliation by landlords without any recourse or legal protections. This is unacceptable, and does not reflect the values that this city and state claim to espouse.

This state can and must do better, and HB 2004 is offering the opportunity to do so by lifting the ban on state-wide rent control and offering some protections to tenants. I urge you support HB 2004 on behalf of your constituents, and to stand with tenants of color, seniors, people with disabilities, low income renters, immigrants and refugees, and queer and transgender tenants against exploitation and discrimination.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
-Yulya Nakleushev

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