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My name is Justin Norton-Kertson and I am a homeowner in Portland, Oregon. Seeing the way the housing state of emergency has gone on and on with very little substantial efforts to solve the problem has been extremely disheartening. My son who is in his early 20s can't afford to live on his own because rent is so expensive and continues to rise at astronomical rates. So many of our friends have been displaced by massive rent increases or by no cause evictions.

We all know that we will not be able to build our way out of this emergency situation. While more housing, and more affordable housing is certainly needed, we all know that it will takes years at least to build even a fraction of what is needed. In the mean time, skyrocketing rents and no cause evictions will continue to displace families across our state, many of whom become homeless, living in cars or in tents on the street.

You have the ability and opportunity to help reign in this crisis now, in the short term, by passing HB 2004 to end no cause evictions and allow local jurisdictions to enact rent stabilization policies while continue to work on the long term problem of short supply. Thousands of upon thousands of families are waiting for relief and peace of mind that your vote can provide.

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