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To: Senate Committee on Human Services
Re: HB 2004A

I am writing as a Portland resident and home owner, in favor of HB 2004A. I have spent many years as a renter, and recognize the vulnerability of tenants who are constantly being priced out of their housing.

This bill offers a very limited set of protections against arbitrary, no-cause, evictions for tenants. The amount of notice required, and the fact that these only take effect after six months of tenancy, are limitations on these protections. All in all, this is quite a conservative and utterly acceptable approach to no-cause evictions, protecting tenants. None of the requirements strike me as excessive, costly or unreasonable for landlords.

This bill also removes the prohibition against local rent stabilization measures. Again, this strikes me as utterly reasonable.

One has only to talk to Portlanders, watch the construction of unaffordable apartment complexes, or read the newspaper to know that Oregon is in the midst of an inhumane housing crisis. Too many Oregonians cannot afford decent housing. The solutions may include wage increases, construction of affordable housing, rent stabilization, limitations on no-cause evictions, and other measures. Many of these actions would take years to implement.

But in a state in which too many of our residents become houseless due to rent increases and the unaffordable housing, we need to take bold action to protect our people from living on the streets. HB 2004A is a very small step forward. Please approve it!

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