From: MJ SJ
To: SHS Exhibits

Subject: HB 2004-A Please READ and FORWARD Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 9:55:01 PM

To my Oregon Senator, House of Representatives, and to whom it may concern,

My name is Michael Saint John and I am a homeowner and taxpayer. I am writing you to STRONGLY oppose HB 2004-A. This is a very dangerous and destructive to me and all homeowners in the state of Oregon. I urge you to NOT pass this in to any form of law.

I have owned my home for 13 years and rent out rooms in my home. I take good care of my tenants and keep my home very clean, safe, and I am able to give my tenants affordable rent and a good place to live. Unfortunately, I have had one scenario where a renter moved in, refused to pay rent, and squatted in my home. I had to hire a rental agency to remove them in due process with the court. This could have cost me losing my home, and I am glad that it did not. If this kind of law was in place, I do not know what I would do. There are already laws that protect renters and very few that protect the homeowners.

I urge you, and actually BEG you not to pass HB 2004-A. If that were passed, I can see renters abusing their opportunity to rent a home, and the courts BOGGED down even more with problems, and people squatting and knowing that they could destroy a home without repercussion.

I have had renters here for up to 7 years. BUT, ONE person was able to chase off all my renters and cause me the worst problem I have ever faced. He took advantage of me, the law, the court, and almost cost me the home. He had done that before and there are people who are NOT in integrity.

AGAIN, I, MICHAEL SAINT JOHN OPPOSE HB 2004-A.

Thanks for reading and protecting homeowners in

Oregon.

Michael Saint John Medford, Oregon