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Chairs Courtney and Kotek and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to be allowed to speak today regarding the protection of tenants and supporting the eviction moratorium.

As I testified, I am the Board President of the Springfield Eugene Tenant Association. Our organization has created a volunteer-run hotline that local tenants can call and ask questions or request resources. From the beginning of March, when Governor Brown issued the eviction moratorium, to May our call volume has effectively doubled. 51% of our calls have been about evictions, rent increases, or late rent payments. This shows that the majority of renters are concerned about losing their housing.

The housing crisis of this decade will first affect renters and federal, state, and local resources have either been exhausted or inaccessible.

For my own personal life, and a story I commonly hear from other renters, is that I lost my job due to COVID-19. I have been eligible for Unemployment since March but I have yet to receive a single payment. I have not earned any income since March and I fear losing my housing. I stay awake at night struggling to decide if I should sell my car to pay my rent or keep my car as it might be where I sleep when I lose my home.

Please take action in support of renters. Thank you.

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