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State of Oregon Senate Housing Committee
Shemia Fagan, Chair

Dear Chair Fagan, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 608 to protect Oregon tenants. Talent is one of the many Oregon communities experiencing the harmful effects of the housing crisis. Many Talent residents have experienced the personal impacts of rapidly rising rents and no-cause evictions with insufficient notice. Like other cities and towns across Oregon, Talent's housing market is so tight that it is unlikely that a tenant can find another home without a significant increase in rent in a short period of time. SB 608 puts in place basic protections for tenants that will have an immediate impact on housing insecure members our community.

This is a compromise bill. While I would certainly support a lower maximum annual rent increase, 7% will provide important check on the price of rental housing in increasingly competitive markets. We need this in place now, not later. Please take this important step to providing these basic protections for Oregon's renters.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "C".

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