

To: Chair Fagan, Vice Chair Girod, Members of the Committee  
From: Donna Cohen, Portland Oregon  
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Subject: SB608

I am writing in support of SB608, which will provide some protection to tenants in regard to rent increases and just-cause termination.

I grew up in apartments and lived most of my adult life [several decades] as a renter. Now – because of an affordable housing first-time homeownership program – I have a home. I am thankful every day for a home where I have stability in cost, and stability in knowing that I cannot be evicted.

As a senior with a limited income I can say with complete honesty that I cannot even imagine what my life would be like were I to have to live as a tenant.

So, on behalf of those who still must deal with out-of-control rising rents and the threat of losing housing based on no legitimate reason, I ask that you take a very reasonable stand and provide the modest protections in this bill.

Meanwhile, I will continue to advocate in my local community in St Johns [North Portland] with a small group of affordable housing supporters. I'll do my part. Please do yours.

Thank you.