

February 4th, 2019

To: The Senate Housing Committee
From: Rayah Dickerson
Re: Support of SB 608

Dear Chair Fagan,

My name is Rayah Dickerson and I live in Milwaukie, Oregon.

Please consider passing the Stable Housing Bill- SB 608. As a family on a limited, fixed income due to severe mental illness, stabilized housing costs would dramatically help us to be sure that we always have a roof over ourselves and our children. We currently own our manufactured home, but we pay space rent equal to our mortgage. Increases in space rent can potentially put us in a huge bind - if our space rent increases until we are priced out, not only would we need to move, we have to sell our home or figure out a way to move it - both of which would be a tremendous burden on our family. As one of the adults in our home is the disabled spouse, I cannot just go get a job outside the home, because I would be unable to physically care for my spouse. Housing stability is vital in long term mental illness care, and for our family, it's one we cannot survive without.

Signed,

Rayah Dickerson