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Subject: VOTE YES SB608

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Please vote YES on SB608. In Lane County, we have an outsized problem of homelessness for a community of our size. The 2018 Point in Time Count counted 1,642 people experiencing homelessness in Lane County, most of them unsheltered. Many had at one time been housed in Lane County. This is a direct response to rent increases and no-cause evictions. Once people get evicted or have rent increases, they are unable to secure housing quickly in this tight rental market. Homelessness is a slippery slope to severe medical problems that cost our systems on the back end exorbitant amounts of money. Please pass this important bill.

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