

My name is Yvonne and I would like for SB608 to pass to protect tenants from the injustices that landlords commit in our rental housing. For example in my own case, some things happened to me completely out of my control; in one house where I lived there were rats. The landlord ignored me every time I reported them and when the rats grew into a big problem, the landlord said, "if you don't like living here you can move." We moved to another house for two years but we had to move because the family members of the new landlord stole our tools out of our garage. My dog bit the person who was robbing our garage and the landlord threatened us and required me to get rid of our dog and insulted our family regarding immigration status and evicted us. Where I live now, our rent is raised every 6 months and I do our repairs because I am afraid to report anything wrong with the apartment because the landlord ignores repair requests and I don't want to be evicted again. Where would I go if I have to move again? If I can't find affordable housing in Portland, where will I go?. Portland has more protections but they don't exist in other parts of the state where housing might be affordable. I want you to pass SB608 right away so that all of us in Oregon have tenant protections against no cause evictions and unpredictable large rent increases.

Thank you for your support and attention to what tenants need in Oregon, we appreciate your work on this bill.

Sincerely,
Yvonne
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