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To: Representative Keny-Guyer and Members of the Human Services and Housing Committee  
Re: Support for SB 608, Tenant Protections

I live in Bend, Oregon, a place that many residents and tourists consider heaven on Earth. A large portion of new residents enjoy home prices that are a far cry from those in Los Angeles, San Francisco or Seattle where they might work remotely. Visitors enjoy hotels, restaurants and shops, staffed largely by folks who run up against the reality of the housing market.

No cause evictions and exorbitant rents mean that people who make Bend what it is cannot keep their families safe. Children without stable households cannot reach their full potential. The elderly who live on a fixed income cannot find a fixed home situation. People like myself with disabilities have to deal with the stress of losing an accessible home on short notice. All the most vulnerable people in our society need protection from a predatory system where profit comes before people and denies them of a basic human right.

Please bring an end to no-cause evictions and institute reasonable rent stabilization policies In Oregon we have an opportunity to do the right thing and ensure that all Oregonian's have a fair shot to really *live* in their own communities.

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