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Thank you for this opportunity to speak for senior women that are struggling to maintain safe affordable housing.

In 2011 I moved into a 55 and over senior apartment complex in Eugene. My rental agreement was monthly. The apartment complex was built in 1978 and is owned by an investment group in California. In the fall of 2017, we were notified that this complex would no longer be limited to persons 55 and over and now would be managed by a property management corporation from Portland.

When the new property management took over, we started getting dramatic rent increases. My rent has increased by almost 90% since I moved in.

Moving for seniors is a challenge. Many of the women in my complex are on fixed income, many have health issues that make relocating difficult. Some do not have family or nearby family to help with moving as they themselves cannot lift heavier items. Some of these women have been on waiting lists for section 8 and other senior housing lists for many months. Safe affordable housing for seniors is in short supply in Eugene, and many of these folks have very limited income. Some of these women may lose their independence.

Senate Bill 608 will help in preventing this happening to others.

Please vote yes on Senate Bill 608 and provide stable housing for vulnerable Oregonians.

Thank you

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