

Representative Anna Williams,

SB 608 Oppose

Thank you for listening to me. My family is lifelong Oregonians immigrating originally from Scandinavia and other parts of Europe at the start of the 20th century or early 1900's. We have always worked for our future and helped in the communities that we belong to. How do we continue to keep Oregon viable and open to current and future families?

SB 608 is another example of intervention by Government entities that is not needed. Please let the normal supply and demand economic cycle run its course. I agree with my colleagues in the MHCO and multifamily rental industry. The majority of us have worked over the years to make our rental housing attractive and full so we can pay our bills and Taxes. Economics and time say they have to be affordable in order to achieve that. Supply and demand. Having another layer of regulation creates barriers for our business. We have stayed viable by working with the communities over the years. Most of our projects are past 15 years of age, so I expect we will need upgrades to our buildings and infrastructure. I believe that 70% of owners of rental properties are small businesses and families. **The current proposal for limiting the rent increases amount to 7 % each year is not okay as long as we cannot be allowed to include our expenses for upkeep. Please do not limit our ability to work on our houses, manufactured homes or multifamily complexes. Allow amendments to this bill to make it work for all.**

Let's work together,

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