

Dear Committee Members:

There are several examples of egregious loopholes in SB 608 outlined in the critique by Portland Tenants United,

[SB 608: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly](#). But I won't get into those here, rather skip right to the punchline. I'm asking you to:

- Fix tenant harassment risks
- Remove loopholes for no-cause and qualifying-reason evictions and for the rent cap
- Lower the rent cap - Homeowners are guaranteed that their [property taxes won't rise much more than 3% per year](#), and mortgage payments are often fixed. Why can't renters be guaranteed that level of stability? We need a cap that leads to *stabilization*, not just price-gouging as the current SB 608 does.
- Lift the local preemption on rent stabilization and just cause standards so local jurisdictions can strengthen tenant protections.

Thanks in advance for caring about tenants--like me!

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