

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice Chairs Noble and Sanchez, and Members of the Committee,

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Oregon is in a statewide housing crisis, not one community has been left untouched. In rural and urban places renters live everyday with the fear of either an unfair no-cause eviction or extreme rent increase. Oregon has been waiting for two years, and today even more people have experienced the threat of looming homelessness when that notice is taped to the door.

In 2019, can we count on you to vote yes to help nearly 1.4 million Oregonians maintain safety and security in their homes? Along with 5,000 CAT members throughout Oregon, I ask that you please pass the tenant protections as quickly as possible, our communities depend on it.

The Market Economy is drastically different from the Real Economy. Without economic coherence, we must assure that our people have the basics of living assured. What sane country facilitates impoverishment, homelessness, and illness? People MUST have homes. After food and water, a home is the primary physical, psychological, and emotional security for any human being. People are so much more than mere customers. Thank you for continuing to support the people and a secure life for all in Oregon.

Sincerely,
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