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To: [HHS Exhibits](#)
Subject: Help Oregon Pass Historic Tenant Protections - Support SB 608
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Dear Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice Chairs Noble and Sanchez, and Members of the Committee,

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Oregon, like most states in the USA, is in a statewide housing crisis. Not one community has been left untouched. In urban, and rural places, renters live everyday with the fear of either an unfair no-cause eviction or extreme rent increase.

I have rented for over 50 years - for the past 15 years in the same place. I am just an old lady living out my life in fear of being homeless despite the fact that I am paying \$25,000 in rent and \$5000 more every year. I am far from alone in this. And, as the out of town property managment company that is now my only contact smirkingly says they raise the rent and evict people "just because we can." This is wrong. It is unjust. It is everywhere. I may not rent in Oregon but I have family and friends who do.

Nearly 1.4 million Oregon renters have been waiting more 2 years. Please, please vote YES to help these Oregonians have some safety and security in their homes? I stand with the 5,000 CAT members throughout Oregon and beg you to do the right thing and pass tenant protections as quickly as possible. The stability of Oregon communities depend on it.

Sincerely,
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