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Representative Paul Holvey
Chairs, House Committee on Rules
900 Court St. NE, HR C
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Re: HB 2006 with -2 Amendments – Support for Rental Market Resources

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

I write to urge your support for House Bill 2006 with the -2 amendments, which would direct \$20 million in resources to support Rental Market Resources. As Oregon's rental market has become increasingly competitive, additional resources and education are needed to help tenants overcome barriers to find and maintain housing. Additionally, resources are needed to provide tenants and landlords with information and training to better understand their rights and responsibilities.

Rental Market Resources would expand existing strategies including: housing navigation, services, and supports for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors and their families; fair housing training for tenants and landlords; education, services, and outreach resources for tenants and landlords; legal assistance for low-income Oregonians with housing issues; additional rent guarantee "Ready to Rent" or "Rentwell" classes for high barrier tenants; housing navigation services and supports to maximize the utilization of Housing Choice Vouchers; and technological innovations to help tenants find and access available housing.

Thank you for your consideration, I urge your support for HB 2006 with the -2 amendments and the resources to support Rental Market Resources.

Sincerely,

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