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Senate Committee On Housing and Development,

I am a **landlord** in Eugene, Oregon submitting this written testimony **in SUPPORT of SB 1533**. I strongly believe that all tenants, regardless of income, should have representation in eviction proceedings. I found out about this legislation through the Rental Owners Association of Lane County and was deeply offended by their email asking me to oppose the legislation, so I felt compelled to provide this testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1533.

My brother is 100% disabled and is fortunate to live in a house in Lane County that is owned by a special needs trust. We are in the process of renting out a room, and as a trustee of the special needs trust, I am doing all that I can to adhere to Oregon rental laws. As someone who was a renter long before I owned property, I feel that representation at eviction proceedings should be accessible to all tenants. More importantly, prior to the purchase of the house he now lives in, my brother was facing eviction and there would have been no way for him to afford representation. Due to the nature of his disability he also would have been unable to represent himself.

As a landlord, of course I would like eviction proceedings to be decided in my favor. However, I find it deeply offensive that other landlords are lobbying to ensure that tenants do not have a level playing field in an eviction proceeding.

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