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Co-Chairs President Courtney & Speaker Tina Kotek, Co-Vice Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Drazen, members of the Committee,

I am a constituent and renter in Eugene, Oregon. Ironically enough I am a unicorn who started receiving a paycheck during the pandemic because I work for a social service non-profit that received a COVID relief grant.

My friends and the people I serve are not so lucky. I speak to people daily who are on the brink of losing their housing. And some who have already, who I can do nothing for. I walk past homeless people sleeping in doorways daily as well. I only urge you to vote yes on this concept because I am a pragmatist and people I trust are telling me this is the best we are going to get out of you. This bill alone will still end with people being evicted who shouldn't have been. Our homelessness rates per capita will probably still continue to be literally some of the worst in the entire country (world?). The nice small scale landlords we all love will still be at risk too because both you and higher levels of government still don't seem to take real tax and revenue reform seriously and our housing continues to be consolidated into the hands of hedgefunds. Measure 5, measure 50, the mortgage interest tax deduction, our low corporate tax rates, just to name a few. The money to help working people is there, but you choose to allow more and more to die in our streets.

I urge a yes vote on this emergency compromise bandaide because it is pretty much the least you can do.

Thank you,

Joshua Caraco