

March 3, 2021

Senate Committee On Housing and Development,

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Amendment SB 282-1

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing this letter as a rental house co-owner, in city of Eugene, to explain my concerns over the SB282-1.

My family and I moved out of our home in Eugene and leased it some years ago, to rent an apartment in Los Angeles, where our son was admitted to UCLA. Ever since we paid for our rent, using the rent amount we received from our house in Eugene. In March 2020, my spouse was laid off her job, (the only other source of our income) due to COVID-19 lock down. Her unemployment payment of \$235/ week is halted since several weeks now, due to expiration of benefit period. We are evidently struggling, to make ends meet. Our sole source of income to pay our bills here, rent included, is the rent we must receive from there, which we hope not to lose it to COVID-19 again, by SB288-1

Moreover:

1-SB 282-1 does not address the root cause of the COVID-19 housing crisis: inability to pay rent.

2-This catastrophic emergency is being used to change laws unrelated to keeping people housed during this crisis.

3-I ask you to oppose SB 282 and instead focus on the #1 issue driving housing instability right now: past due rent.

4-Support SB 330, a real solution for struggling renters who need help.

Sincerely,