

My name is Mario Correa and I am a resident of Goose Hollow in SW Portland. SB 282 provides crucial protections for renters who have been impacted by the year-long pandemic, namely extending the repayment grace period to February 2022, but also presuming that a termination notice given to a tenant who is behind on rent is a form of retaliation by the landlord. This is an extremely important and much needed shift in which party must present proof in such a scenario. I support SB 282, however the eviction moratorium itself must also be extended into 2022. It cannot be overstated that evictions will lead to an increase in homelessness, and that evictions will result in the further spread of COVID-19. 2021 will be a crucial year in stopping the spread of the pandemic, and as more and more of the population become vaccinated it is equally important to keep people safely in their homes.

Thank you.