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House Committee on Housing  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support of HB 3113**

Good morning Chair Fahey, members of the committee;

I'm writing to you on behalf of Portland Tenants United, the Portland metro-wide tenant union, in support of HB 3113, which would remove the affordable housing loophole from the rent cap provisions in ORS 90.

At PTU our mission is to build power and solidarity among the tenant class throughout the Portland metro region as a member-driven tenant union. Through organizing, direct action, coalition building, and civic engagement, Portland Tenants United fights to keep people in their homes, and to achieve dignity and security for all tenants. PTU strongly supports HB 3113 because many of our members are directly affected by the loophole first introduced in SB 608 broadly exempting "affordable housing" from the anti-rent gouging provisions of the bill.

Tenants in affordable housing especially cannot afford steep rent hikes. An annual increase of 7% + CPI is already unaffordable for most- exempting some of our most vulnerable community members from this protection is simply unjust and unfair. Please move HB 3113 forward with a do-pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

Portland Tenants United Organizing Committee