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I am writing in support of SB 282A. As a Family Support Coordinator for Head Start of Lane County, I work with low income families who have been struggling to keep up their rent payments since the onset of the Covid 19 Pandemic. Many parents lost work completely or had their hours severely curtailed. Each of these parents want to avoid eviction and a poor credit rating.

This bill compassionately grants more time for parents to pay back rent while also ensuring landlords receive much needed income. It also allows for more time for parents to seek rent assistance. Although there is money earmarked to help renters, accessing it has proven to be a challenge.

Another critical provision of this bill is that it helps keep tenant credit history safe from being used against them if they were evicted during the pandemic due to loss of income and inability to pay rent. I have assisted many parents seeking rentals but an eviction on their record makes it nearly impossible to be accepted.

Finally, another important and caring aspect of the bill allows for tenants to house guests, either family or friends, who would otherwise be forced towards homelessness. There are not enough beds available in emergency shelters and wait lists are long for access to some temporary shelters. By allowing tenants to house guests, we are keeping more people from suffering on our streets.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting SB 282 A

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