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Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee,

Good afternoon Chair Fahey, Vice Chairs Campos and Morgan, and members of the committee. My name is Paxton Rothwell and I live in NE Portland. HB 2372 is a great step in the right direction aimed at protecting the rights of renters.

I understand that there will be some hesitations from landlords and companies. I can say though, as a landlord myself, that these renter protections can be easily accounted for when considering renting a unit. By allowing the landlord the ability to terminate a tenancy if the landlord wants to sell or occupy the unit make sense. Far too often it seems like landlords evict tenants just because they can make a bigger buck if they rent to someone else. This bill will do wonders to provide protections for renters.

I grew up in a rental property with my dad and sisters. Not until after I moved out did I realize what a precarious position that must have been for my dad. He couldn't afford a similar house in the city we were living in if he had been evicted for no reason. And the traumatic destabilization that would have come from being evicted would have been detrimental to my schooling and childhood.

Removing the ability for landlords to make "No Cause" evictions is a beautiful step in the right direction toward crafting a world where all people are respected and have access to shelter. Thank you for sponsoring this bill and I hope it moves forward as written.

Thank you for your time,
Paxton Rothwell