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To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development; others

Re: I OPPOSE [SB 278]...with extreme prejudice! The Rent Guarantee Program must go.

[SB 278] is a taxpayer money "give-away program" that could be likened to "free" Heroin or Methamphetamine for chronic deadbeats.

Once enacted into law, this program will grow exponentially.

This is "free money" devoid of any encumbrances, recipients are not required to reimburse the State of Oregon.

Just as bad, this program will be managed by "Providers." Just who these "Providers" are remain unknown and is not stated in the "Text" of [SB 278].

Check-out the "Text [page 2 at 20-22]" it states, " (6)(a) The department may contract with a public or private provider to administer the program within an individual county or region of this state and to distribute financial assistance to eligible landlords as provided in this subsection."

It appears, at least one road to prosperity is to form; "a Non-profit, a Not for-profit and or a Public Benefit Corporation," then play the "Provider" game. All you have to do is, wait for the rising tide of taxpayer money to float your specific "Provider" boat. (Although, somewhere in the process, the "Provider" might be required to "grease the political skids" before or after scoring a juicy contract to service the "give-away program.")

How much taxpayer money has to continuously be flushed down the toilet?

[SB 278] should be flushed down the toilet-not the taxpayer's money.

AND...

The Housing and Community Services Department's Budget needs a significant and everlasting "haircut."

Respectfully submitted,
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