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My name is Ryan Perkins. I'm a renter in Keizer. I grew up in Salem and have lived in the area most of my life. We need to protect our people and our communities and pass SB 611B.

While I was in graduate school out of state, I received a 30-day eviction notice for my apartment in Columbus, Ohio. An eviction notice is one of the most frightening and destabilizing things someone can experience and with ballooning rent increases, many more of us are likely to receive them.

Rents have increased so drastically in Oregon over the last 8 years. I've been priced out of most places in town. If I were to get an eviction notice now, I truly wouldn't know what to do or how to get help. It's no secret that we're in a housing shortage. Our communities are in crisis. Yet again and again, we have prioritized profit over someone's right to shelter, safety, warmth, a place to sleep, to cook.

In Oregon, we need reasonable rent increase limits. SB 611B is not enough but it would make a big difference. Everyone has a right to safe housing. Everyone deserves dignity.

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