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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

Dear Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

My name is Marissa Willke and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I am a renter in Oregon and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 799. Evictions in Oregon are skyrocketing in our state to historical rates, increasing homelessness and threatening housing security for hundreds of thousands of tenants across Oregon. Housing security is essential for people to live safe, stable and successful lives.

In order to slow the threat of widespread evictions and prevent homelessness, we need reasonable reforms that gives tenants a real chance to stay in their homes and implements some of the lessons from the pandemic. That's why I'm asking for your support of Senate Bill 799.

Given the high cost of living and low wages during this time, most folks are just one or two missed paychecks away from missing rent. To be a landlord is to provide housing for fellow human beings, and the housing security and fair housing rights of those human beings should always be prioritized over the profits of landlords. It is crucial that we do everything we can to protect tenants from unjust eviction and homelessness.

Senate Bill 799 will give tenants a chance to fight unjust evictions and time to get rent assistance when needed.

Sincerely,
Marissa Willke