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To: Chair Dexter, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Javier. I live in Washington County and I am writing this letter to you asking for your support of the (housing) bill.

In Oregon we are facing an unprecedented housing crisis. As rental assistance ends due to the pandemic, rents are skyrocketing at very high costs and rising.

The housing bill will help us address this housing crisis and also help families obtain a home at a reasonable cost. Oregon has the fifth highest rate of homelessness.

People are being evicted every day, Hispanics, people of color especially women of color face the highest rate of eviction in Oregon compared to white renters, plus in order to afford housing you would have to have a high paying job because the minimum wage in Oregon is \$15 an hour and currently in order to afford housing you would have to have a job paying \$33 an hour which is impossible to obtain.

This bill would allow us to reform the eviction process to prevent avoidable homelessness and suffering, using lessons learned during the pandemic.

It stabilizes our families by ensuring that our rents do not rise more than a reasonable amount annually statewide. Without amendment, current law allows rent increases in most units of 14.6% in the next year.

I ask for your support for this bill in the most thoughtful manner and appreciate your support in making it a reality.

Sincerely

Javier