

Submitter: CAMERON CHAMBERS

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB603

Hello. I am writing to support SB 603. I am a Portland resident who rents a home with three other adults in N. Portland. If we lose our residency it is likely we would end up homeless. Two of us work in grocery, one of us is in grad school to become a teacher and one of us is a hairdresser. None of us can afford to rent our own apartment or even move at this point. This bill could change and protect the lives of people like us who do not make a wage that affords us the median rental price in this city. The stress of knowing that at any moment we could lose housing is a constant reality. I was born in Portland and grew up in N and NE. I work for a small independent grocery store and I make above minimum wage. It deeply saddens and disturbs me that others like myself, working class people who serve coffee, cut hair, teach, sell groceries and do all of things that people in Portland rely on for their needs to be met, cannot afford to live here. Providing a UBI could change this. It could help to create and maintain diverse and thriving communities in Portland and throughout the state. Please pass this bill!