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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: SB611

Dear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson, and members of the Housing Committee

My name is Lindi Senn, and I'm urging your support of Senate Bill 611. The area I live in is nice, but it's not always easy for people to get their basic needs met, including rent. There were a lot of layoffs during COVID. But recovery has not extended to the point where everyone feels like they are going to be okay. You have to take into consideration, not just with a few people - but swells of us have still not been able to recover.

Renters need all the assistance we can get. As a reminder, the eviction moratorium saved lives - that should be a lesson to continue to keep us housed and safe. The moratorium should have stayed in place because people were conscious something was wrong ; and thought if there is something we can do, to keep people in their homes we need to do that. So we need to take this basic step of rolling back the rent, and then we need to take it a step further and ultimately freeze them. People's budgets should not have a constant threat of their basic needs not being met.

Now, three years later and a global pandemic later, the deep need to reduce the cap is clear. If we want to prevent high-rent homelessness, we must keep rents reasonable for all Oregonians, and make sure they are on track with working peoples' costs of living. Pass Senate Bill 611.

Thank you,
Lindi Senn