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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2001

My name is John McCartney and I live in Hillsboro. I am testifying in support of HB 2001. I am disabled and living on a fixed income. I am just shy of 65 and I am terrified of being priced out or evicted from my home. Too many people like me are at risk for homelessness if you do not pass HB 2001.

My family has lived here for 6 years. Last year we received the maximum allowed rent increase, which was over \$200 a month. When my lease renews in June, I expect my landlord will do the maximum again, 14.6%. That would be a \$320 increase. With fixed incomes, and an adult son living with us, we just can't afford that kind of increase. And then what? Where would we go? We live with constant anxiety of becoming homeless. A 72-hour eviction notice would feel like a stab in the heart. I'd be paralyzed and in complete panic. We don't have the resources to just pick-up and relocate. For me, because of my health conditions, homelessness could be fatal. My wife is terrified. A 72-hour notice for eviction doesn't just contribute to homelessness, it encourages it. We need real solutions that keep people in our homes. I hope you will listen to people like me and vote yes eviction reform with HB 2001.