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Good morning. My name is Patricia Byrum. I live in Keizer. I am an oregon renter who has experienced homelessness, while getting a bachelors degree, and raising two toddlers. I became homeless while pregnant. I spent 8 years of my life couch surfing and shelter hopping. HB 2001 will help keep people from becoming homeless while also helping those already homeless become housed faster. It is far easier to maintain one's housing than it is to become housed once homeless. Being homeless is no kind of life for anyone, especially children. Renters and the homeless need the extra supports that this bill offers. Please support HB 2001. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.