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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

- My name is Jessica Thomas and I live in Portland Oregon. I have worked in the rental housing industry for 29 years as a Property Manager in the Portland market. Please vote NO on SB 611.

It's clear that rent control isn't working in Portland or around the state. This bill will make things even worse and doesn't address the root cause of housing instability.

Housing Oregonians at the sole expense of those providing their housing is not sound public policy and is not a sustainable way to address housing instability. We need to focus on permanent rent assistance and increasing supply.

If the state wants to achieve the goal of 36,000 new housing units per year, we cannot pass this bill. More rent control will only disincentivize new development and ownership of rental units. This bill leads us further away from our housing goals.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Thomas  
Property Manager