

Submitter: EVAN LABBY

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

To the members of the Senate Committee,

As a housing provider, I must vehemently oppose any further legislation that curtails not only the rights of property owners, but also will lead to further downstream cooling effects on housing development, which everyone agrees we need more of. Although this idea may sound sweet to the general public in the short term, it is akin to introducing the cane frog to Australia to control native beetle populations, in which a good sounding idea at the time created a nationwide environmental catastrophe. If housing is to become cheaper in the future, it is not going to be through strangling regulations, but through building more of it and making it cheaper to the point of saturation. Ask one of your many economist if rent control has worked in any of the area's it was implemented in, and even those of a more liberal bent will be loathe to rubber stamp it. If you want a glaring example outside of the country, look at what has happened to Sweden in the last 5 years. It's housing costs are skyrocketing, a major part of that is because of increased regulations. In summation, please vote no on this bill, and help support Oregon's future.

Thank you,

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