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My name is Jennifer Peskin, I am a rental owner Bend Oregon and have been for the last 7 years. I am writing to submit testimony and strongly support SB 611.

I have been a resident in Bend for over 20 years and have watched as homeownership has become a commodity and not a right. We currently rent out our single family home for way under the market value because we believe people should be able to have one job and still be able to afford to live in our town.

SB 611 supports individuals, families, people of color, and our seniors from displacement and houselessness. I have watched the increase in people living on our streets because they have no where else to go and I attribute this to the greediness of rental owners. I just read that currently, four in 10 Oregonians rent their homes and they already pay the ninth highest rent in the nation. That is unsustainable in a town who's main jobs are in the service industry. I want people with diverse backgrounds and diverse jobs to live in my community and they cannot if they don't have an affordable place to live.

Rental owners need to be regulated so that greed does not make our town and our state an unlivable place to be. Please pass SB 611 as soon as possible. Thank you.