

Submitter: Diane Braun

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time. My name is Diane Braun, I live in Dorena Oregon. I have worked in the rental housing industry for 22 years. Please vote NO on SB 611. Passing this bill will only worsen the already existing problem of providing housing for the many people who need it. We all want affordable housing and many of the housing providers I know want to offer affordable housing to their renters. Passing this Bill will not help Oregonians it will only hinder the process. Case and point: Before Legislation got started on rent control many housing providers that I know kept their rent low to be able to accommodate people in various financial situations. One person I know did not raise her rent for a senior renter on SSI for 30 years. She now has to raise rent just to keep up with the new rules of "Raise it or lose it" If this Bill passes housing providers will be forced to increase their rent prices just to keep up with rising costs and RISK (Legal fees, pay outs etc.) There will be no more allowance for lower income people. This will force housing providers to raise rent annually just to keep up with the rising costs of doing business.

As such, this will only be harder on renters. This Bill will further force working people out of Eugene because they will not be able to afford the rising cost of rent due to the current status of proposed renter legislation. Eugene will be " Pro Renter/No Renter " and will force renters out of Eugene. My question is what will happen with little or no workforce in Eugene, especially considering the work shortage now. Please do not take my word for this. I would urge you to talk with housing providers and get their input. I would also suggest that you talk with more renters (not just a select few with an agenda) to see how they feel about rising cost of rent due to the current legislation. Housing providers have heart too and do not like to just raise people's rent. There may be the exception here but why focus on the few when most housing providers are being fair about what rents they charge. Further, we are all faced with increasing other costs as well. I just received my property insurance Bill, it went up another 20% on top of a 20% raise last year. And that's with having a perfect record! All this has to be considered in rent costs when we rent to someone. I again urge you to say NO to SB 611. Please do not make it harder than you have to on renters! Again, Thank you for your time.