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As a renter, I have experienced longterm housing insecurity due to rent hikes. Recently, my rent went up \$90/month. Public records indicate that my landlord purchased my multifamily building in 1987 for less than \$200k. Today, she makes \$87k in revenue each year from this single, six unit building, in addition to her full time job — and yet she has indicated that she intends to raise the rent by \$100/month at minimum every year. I am disabled and work two jobs. My appliances squeal, my windows rattle, and there's a large gap under the front door that wind and water come in through. There is black mold growing along the door frame. These issues have been raised to the landlord in writing to no avail — instead, I have been faced with a rent increase. Oregon's legislators have recently indicated that they want to decrease homelessness in our state. Any attempt to do so without overhauling our system of renter protections will be unsuccessful. I am in favor of this bill, and any others that will limit the profit-extraction model of housing in the state.