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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

Dear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

I ask that you please pass Senate Bill 611. The rents in Portland specifically have risen much higher than the median income can afford. Buying a house at this point is so far out of most people's range, and paying 50% or more of your income to rent is an accepted situation here.

Housing should be a human right, and therefore rent should be highly regulated to make sure everyone in Oregon has access to this right.

One thing that isn't a human right is the ability of a landlord to make tons of money off property they've purchased for the purpose of renting. That just can't be part of the consideration in the passage of this bill.

Please vote yes on SB 611.

Sincerely,
Mendi Menefee