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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 am very much opposed to Senate Bill 611. I hope you will vote no.

I get a social security check of just over \$600 a month. Renting the other house on my property is the only way I can afford to live myself. I have been very generous to the tenants I have had for the last few years, raising their rents as little as possible to allow them to continue to stay. But with current inflation rates and my kindness, I am now behind the eight ball. When they move out in August I was planning to raise my rents to match the current market.

There is no reason why I, as a landlord, should not be able to raise my rents between tenants. New tenants have a choice of where to live. I do not have a choice of what I rent out. If the state wants to ensure that every Oregonian has a place to live that they can afford, they should make the investments necessary to provide it. The state should not be requiring retirees like me to provide "affordable housing" to everyone.

After all, I personally cannot afford to rent a house in the current market. Only the investment that I made in my home over decades allows me to keep a roof over my head. Please, do not put that in jeopardy!

My tenants drive cars 20 years younger than mine. They order pizza in several times a weeks. Their liquor bottles fill the garbage can. These are all things I cannot afford. And yet, at no penalty to my current tenants, this bill would block my personal ability to keep up with inflation.

I know this bill sounds like such a great thing. But it will create as many problems as its backers say it would solve.

Please vote no on Senate Bill 611.

Sincerely,  
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