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- *My name is Brad Denson and I live in Halfway, Baker County. I have worked in the rental housing industry for over 20 years. Please vote NO on SB 611.*
- *It's clear that rent control isn't working in our area in Eastern Oregon nor on the west side. Most of our small communities are growing more unaffordable by the day. This bill will make things even worse and doesn't address the root cause of housing instability. Let's come up with solutions to create more housing not make it harder.*
- *Housing Oregonians at the sole expense of those providing their housing is not sound public policy and is not a sustainable way to address housing instability. We need to focus on permanent rent assistance and increasing supply. We want to participate in collaborative solutions.*
- *If the state wants to achieve the goal of 36,000 new housing units per year, we cannot pass this bill. More rent control will only smother new development and ownership of rental units. This bill leads us further away from our housing goals.*
- *SB 611 will prevent our family from providing rental housing. Lack of housing supply makes it harder for businesses to grow, for local governments to have a solid tax base, and for Oregonians to stay in their own communities. Lack of housing is the biggest challenge in our Valley. Let's not make it easier for other property owners to just give up making rentals available.*
- *Rent prices are set by several factors like rising utility and insurance costs, the costs of repairs and hiring good local folks. We see the costs of keeping our places kept up increasing. We are struggling too. We are committed to keeping our rentals up and need the flexibility to pay for maintenance and major expenses like roofs, windows and flooring.*
- *We provide a number of rentals in our area and understand we can not price folks out of their homes. We are committed business owners who want to serve our families.*
- *Sincerely and respectfully – Brad Denson, Halfway, OR*