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To: House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
House of Representatives
Oregon State Legislature
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CC: Representative Tom Andersen
Senator Deb Patterson

Subject: **Oppose HB 3054 - Protect Affordable Housing Options**

Dear Lawmakers,

HB 3054 limits rent increases but does nothing to create more housing. The best way to improve affordability is to increase supply, yet this bill discourages development and property maintenance. History shows that restrictive rent policies lead to housing shortages. Oregon must focus on building more homes, not restricting them.

By capping rent increases to CPI and restricting market-rate adjustments between tenancies, this bill will result in less housing supply and less quality units.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose HB 3054. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mitch
