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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB722

Dear Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson and members of the committee,

My name is Denise Torres, I live in Portland, and I am a graduate student at Portland State University, here to talk about supporting SB 722.

As a student, I am currently struggling to find work. A 15% rent spike to my monthly budget would likely decimate my savings in about a month and a half. The entirety of my student loans (over \$6,000 per quarter) goes directly towards tuition. In the past, with rent increases, I have had to move once a year to afford shelter. However, without a steady income, I currently would not qualify to apply to another apartment complex. Additionally, knowing that a landlord has the capability to set rents using AI makes me feel powerless. It is unethical. Simply because a market has a housing shortage does not mean that people can choose to opt out of paying the rising costs— they would simply be left without a place to live.

Please consider supporting SB 722.

-Denise Torres