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Policy Option Package 504/505: \$173.2 Million Homelessness Prevention Package

My name is Thuy. I am living in Portland with 3 generations household of 6 people. I am writing this in support of Policy Option Package 504/505: \$173.2 Million Homelessness Prevention Package.

I am a staff at the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) from 2017. As an immigrant, I did not know my rights but I learned a lot through this line of work to stand up for myself, my family, my relative and for tenants in need. It's not an easy job but I love it very much because I can be there for people when they need me, when they need to know about the law/their rights, how communicate with their landlord or write to their landlord, or even going to court for eviction. With this market, a tenant can just behind one month on rent and they are facing eviction and at risk of living on the street. It's break my heart to see people living on the streets and explain to my young kids (7 and 3) why we can't take them home and housed all of them per their request. They are little and they want to help people already but they can't yet so I urge you to do it because you can and it's the right things to do. Keeping/getting people housed is extremely important and this policy option package will help do it.

I appreciate that you take time to read my testimony and the work you do and I wish you have a wonderful day.