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On Behalf Of:

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To Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson and members of the committee:

I'm an architect in Portland and am writing in support of SB 722, to ban price-fixing software and increase tenant protections for Oregonians.

Rent spikes and price-fixing collusion are doing incredible harm to our state's rental market and to tenants across the state. Price-fixing software allows landlords to collude on rent prices, which can lead to drops in the construction of new apartments that our state needs to meet its housing goals.

Rent stabilization is also one of our most powerful tools to combat homelessness, and I fully support SB 722's expansion of this stabilization. New construction is important, but if it contributes to gentrification by spiking local rents and displacing residents, it causes harm that it doesn't need to. Studies show that strong rent stabilization laws actually *\*do not\** impact new construction rates negatively. We can have both!

As an architect, the built environment is something I am passionate about and I believe we have the power in Oregon to be leaders on a path forward that increases our supply of high-quality housing without leaving our communities behind or increasing inequality.

SB 722 is a common-sense step forward on this path and I strongly urge you to support this bill.

Thanks for your time

-Brian Campbell