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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4123

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of HB 4123, providing for the protection of tenant privacy, while acknowledging the business realities of being a landlord.

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There is currently no Oregon landlord-tenant law providing confidentiality protection for the sensitive information that landlords gather from prospective tenants.

HB 4123 specifies that certain personally identifying, financially sensitive, and other private information may not be disclosed without the written consent of the tenant, unless in response to a court order. The bill clearly defines the types of information that must be kept confidential and specifies appropriate exemptions for landlords' business necessities like conducting background/reference checks or to be used in any administrative, court, or collection actions.

Tenants need to know their private information is secure, and landlords will benefit from having a bright line in the statute to provide legal clarity.

I urge your support for HB4123

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,

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