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On Behalf Of:
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Subject: Support for SB128

To whom it may concern;

My name is Andrew Haynes, and I am writing to express my strong support for SB128.

I have observed firsthand the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities, particularly when it comes to relocating. Often, even moving to a more affordable unit presents significant financial barriers. For instance, my cousin recently faced such a situation. He had to navigate public transportation, specifically using the TriMet bus, to move, which resulted in additional costs, including paying rent for both his former and new residences, as well as the associated deposit. Although his monthly rent decreased from \$1,400 to \$1,299—a long-term savings of over \$101—he was compelled to borrow funds for both the rent and deposit, and sought assistance through social media and other less reputable channels. To little avail.

He approached organizations such as Catholic Charities and various non-profits for help, as neither of us drives. Unfortunately there was no help available so this situation required him to take four bus rides daily to complete the move. Although he was fortunate to live on the same bus route, he faced numerous challenges, including receiving unsolicited advice and criticism from both fellow bus passengers and rideshare drivers, such as comments about the appropriateness of using these services for his needs.

If provisions were made to allow deposits to be paid in monthly installments, my cousin would have had the financial flexibility to manage his move more effectively, including the opportunity to retrieve his deposit from his previous residence sooner and apply it to his new home. This change would help alleviate reliance on questionable individuals for assistance and reduce the stigma he faced due to his circumstances, allowing him the option to hire reputable movers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Andrew Haynes