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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in support of SB 611. As a Portland renter and student, the increases in rent have been difficult for both me and my peers. The only way rent has been feasible for me to live near campus is because I'm privileged to split a one bedroom with my partner. More than a few of my fellow class mates have been forced to move back in with their parents while in school to be able to afford expenses, and all of those people are employed including myself. I've seen the value of apartments go down astronomically: what when I moved here only four years ago, could pay for a reasonable one bedroom apartment can now get you a 300sq ft studio basement. With additional factors impacting homelessness including eviction representation, our state's known history of racial housing discrimination, and the other compounding affects of poverty, this bill is absolutely needed for our community.