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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB722

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of SB 722, which will help prevent displacement and extreme rent spikes by extending coverage of our state's rent stabilization statutes, and by prohibiting the use of price-fixing software to inflate rents.

I live in North Portland. In my little corner of the city I see near-constant signs of how Portlanders are suffering our state's affordable housing crisis. Across the street from me is a medium density apartment building. My dear friend used to live there and we'd walk our dogs together. She moved away after her landlord's second attempt to evict her under false pretenses. At the same apartment building, houseless folks camped on the sidewalk just last night, along the multiple empty commercial units that have gone empty due to impossible rent hikes. Right now, outside the Plaid Pantry, two men are high on fentanyl. If I walk a few blocks, I see multiple homes for sale for 1 million dollars.

Portland is no longer the city I fell in love with when I moved here in 1994. I grieve for all my neighbors. They need your help.

SB 722 is the only policy tool on the table this session that would provide immediate and measurable protection for Oregonians suffering due to rent spikes as a result of our state's affordable housing crisis.

Sincerely,

Tanya Crenshaw