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Re: Support for HB 4123 - Legislation to Protect Tenant Privacy

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

My name is Maria Elena Guerra. I am writing on behalf of the Farmworker Housing Dev. Corporation (FHD) in support of HB 4123, which will support Landlord Confidentiality, and Tenant Privacy of Information.

Securing housing often requires people to disclose some of the most personal details of their lives. Tenants are asked to share financial records, identification documents, immigration-related information, disability status, and, at times, documentation connected to domestic or sexual violence. Yet under current Oregon law, there are no clear rules governing how this information must be protected.

For many Oregonians, this is not an abstract concern. Survivors of domestic violence face real safety risks when personal information is disclosed without consent. Immigrant families may fear that sensitive identifying information could be misused, leading them to delay or avoid seeking stable housing altogether. These realities undermine housing stability and erode trust in the system.

HB 4123 responds with a practical and balanced solution. It establishes a clear expectation that sensitive tenant information must remain confidential unless a tenant provides written consent or disclosure is required by a court. By defining what information is protected, the bill helps both tenants and landlords understand their rights and responsibilities.

The bill does not interfere with background or credit checks. It does not create obstacles for affordable housing providers who must share information with funders or oversight agencies. And it creates no fiscal impact for the state.

At its core, HB 4123 is about dignity and safety. It ensures that people are not forced to trade their privacy for a place to live, while giving landlords clear guidance on how to responsibly handle the information entrusted to them.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to move HB 4123 forward.

Respectfully,


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