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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure: SB611

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB 611. My name is Tiana Viveralli and I am single mother apartment renter in Eugene.

We strongly urge you to pass SB 611 as a critical homelessness prevention strategy, to protect seniors, families, individuals and communities across the state from extreme rent increases and displacement.

My children and I have been living in our apartment for eight years. We moved in at a monthly rental rate of \$800 per month. Facing a rental rate of potentially \$1300 per month will make it unaffordable to stay. We have lived within our means and have been diligent to pay our rent in full and on time despite the challenges of the pandemic and other hardships on our family.

If our rent is allowed to increase to the fullest amount we will not be able to afford anywhere else in the city to rent much less an apartment in the school district that we have been in community with for the last eight years. We would not be able to afford a security deposit at the current rates nor multiple exorbitant non refundable application fees. The difference in rental rate for myself and my children is a matter of home or home less. In our case the beneficiary of the rent increase is an out of state investment firm NOT a local landlord. Our apartment property has been sold three times to different investment firms with as many different property management companies cutting services with each acquisition. Our apartment tenants are Oregon residents with lives on the line while the owners are faceless, out of state portfolio managers garnishing capital gains off the backs of Oregon seniors, students, and hardworking families. Neither my family nor our state stands to benefit by allowing such a disproportionate and unhealthy rate of increase.

Please pass SB 611 as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Tiana Viveralli
Eugene, Oregon

