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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2305

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to HB 2305, the three-strikes bill, before the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness.

My name is Daisy Quiñonez. I currently work as a housing policy analyst for a local government and have spent my career working toward equitable housing solutions for all people, and primarily those who are systematically marginalized from our housing systems. One of the most formative times in my career was working as a tenant education coordinator for the statewide renters rights union (Community Alliance of Tenants) and staffing the statewide renters rights hotline. During this time, I worked with hundreds of tenants and supported many through the very real possibility of losing their home. I then went on to complete a masters program in urban planning in policy to try to get at the root of our housing issues.

My experience working with vulnerable communities in Oregon gives me great concern that this bill will unduly impact disabled tenants, tenants from marginalized communities, and tenants experiencing financial hardship. These groups are already over-policed by landlords, and establishing stable housing is a challenge for these groups.

This bill will make it easier for landlords to evict tenants for minor infractions. Although this is not the specific goal of the Bill's proponents, its overly broad nature will make it easy for bad actors to abuse it.

I sincerely urge you to protect Oregon's most vulnerable tenants by voting against HB 2305. You can aid those of us on the front lines of Oregon's housing crisis by focusing efforts on legislation that will make housing more available and more equitable for these groups. What will be the end result of these evictions? More Oregonians living outside. This is a band aid "solution" that will only create more housing instability in the midst of an ongoing and acutely growing housing crisis.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony and for your service to our communities.

Sincerely,
Daisy Quiñonez