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Support a cap on rent especially for fixed-income to no-income folks like me...I'm a senior w/ very limited disposable income, if any, @the end, let alone the middle of every month... i'm just getting rent (raised this year), utilities, food, & medical paid for; usually i've had to put off one till next month or so!... So anything that keeps my (& others in my position) cost-of-living from gettin' to damn high!...My name is louis butts and I live in Portland. I write to you in support of HB 3503, which addresses the critical need for rental stability in our state.

We are in crisis. Tenants across our state are getting priced out and losing their housing. Rent control is one powerful tool to address this crisis.

Rent control help to stabilize tenants in their homes, but can also have various other effects on the housing market. That is one of the reasons HB 3503 is such an important bill. The suite of solutions for our housing crisis may not look the same in Portland as it does in Salem, or Eugene, or Klamath Falls, or John Day, or Pendleton. As each community tries to address the housing crisis, the State of Oregon should not hold back any tools. Regardless of what you think of rent control, please let our communities decide if it's a tool that will work well for us by voting yes on HB 3503.

Sincerely,  
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