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As somebody who has struggled in the past but was able to overcome the many obstacles life has presented to me within my years as an adult- it is very possible that I would not be where I am at today- which is a productive member of society as well as a responsible business owner, tax payer, homeowner, incredible parent, and one who is counted on by numerous people in many different ways. If in fact these types of bills were in affect at the time of me and millions of others regaining our lives over the years, I very well may not have made it out. I once was suffering substance abuser and domestic violence survivor who has fully recovered and I am living proof that it is possible. I work along side the under served people, some of which are at long last gaining temporary housing after being on the streets and in shelters, in some cases several years on the streets or even have never had a home to call their own. Passing a bill like this will not only create more barriers for people out there learning how to become respectable people, not to mention all the single parents out there struggling to make ends meets in this economy almost near impossible to move forward as well as be given grace as they make there way through the muddy water. We are quite literally in the worst days I've ever seen to date here. I am a life long Oregon resident and actually have a child that will be turning 18 on her next birthday, life for the next generation is hard enough with the cost of living, inflation and spiking cases of anxiety. Not giving people who are actually trying the opportunity to cure/remedy violations to retain their housing seems unethical and inhumane which in turn will flood our streets with even more people who have no place to call home.