



Re: Support for **HB 4123A** – Legislation to Protect Tenant

Privacy

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development:

My name is Alexis Ames and I am writing on behalf of the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) in support of HB 4123A, which strengthens landlord confidentiality requirements and protects tenant privacy. CAT is a statewide, tenant-led organization that works with renters across Oregon through tenant education workshops, organizing support, and our Renters' Rights Hotline.

Through this work, we regularly engage with tenants from a wide range of backgrounds, household types, income levels, and life circumstances. In order to apply for and maintain housing, tenants are often required to share highly personal and sensitive information with landlords and property managers. This may include financial records, identification documents, and other private details that most people reasonably expect to remain confidential.

While these disclosures are routine in the housing process, Oregon law has not clearly established expectations for how this information must be protected once collected. HB 4123A helps address this gap by setting a clear and reasonable standard that tenant information should not be disclosed without written consent, except where disclosure is required by court order or permitted under the bill's defined exceptions.

The amendments adopted in the House add additional clarity by outlining limited circumstances where disclosure may be necessary for legitimate administrative or legal purposes. These changes help balance privacy protections with practical implementation needs, while maintaining the bill's core goal of safeguarding tenants' personal information.

Privacy is a basic component of housing stability. Tenants should not have to worry about the misuse or sharing of their personal data simply because they rent their homes. HB 4123A establishes a straightforward framework that protects renters while also providing landlords with clear guidance.

For these reasons, the Community Alliance of Tenants supports HB 4123A and urges its passage.

Sincerely,  
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Community Alliance of Tenants