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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,

My name is Bryan S. Noel and I live in Brookings, Oregon. I am a retired military veteran living on a fixed income. My wife and I bought our home and signed our rental agreement for the mobile home park we live in (55 and over). I am testifying in favor of SB 611 because the state legislature must roll back the rent increases to a more reasonable level, and protect more people from rent gouging.

We received a 14.6% rent increase this year. Yes, I can weather this increase after our federal pay increase which we received, but if this increase is repeated next year, my wife and I will probably have to walk away. Our problem here is that the Oregon Legislature made it legal for this company to demand this rent increase. If it was legal for banks to raise everyone's mortgage by 14.6% the Oregon real estate market will collapse. So why give a landlord the ability to raise rent that much and at the same time decrease what is included in rent (ie water, sewer).

Governor Kotek declared a state of emergency for homelessness, but the laws passed are going to cause a lot more homeless people if we don't do something. The current law has allowed landlords to PREY on renters, and I blame this on the State of Oregon. Yes, we weathered this rent increase, but because of it we are not enjoying our Golden Years. We do not go out to eat for special occasions (birthday, anniversary) which takes money out of our local community. "THE RICH KEEP ON GETTING RICHER".

Thank you,
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