

February 23, 2023

Chair Jasma, Vice Chair Anderson, and Members of Committee:

My name is Rita Kingisley and I am a 96-year-old retiree living in Eugenie. I strongly urge passage of SR611, which addresses the critical need for rental stability including limiting the amount of rent increase to 3% plus CPI or a total of 8% whichever is lower.

When we were informed by the owners of the Eugenie Hotel, my retirement community, that our rent would be increased by 14% in 2023, I really became concerned. I live on a fixed income, my social security, which is about what my rent is. If I face excessively high rent increases consistently in the future, I will not be able to live here.

I have been a resident of the hotel nearly 13 years. This is my "home". I would not know how to remedy the situation. I feel I have been an ideal tenant and some consideration should be given to my age, my meager income, and the length of my tenancy.

I strongly urge you to pass SB611 as quickly as you can so I can sleep at night.

Sincerely,

Rita Kingisley