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March 26, 2025

To: [**Senator Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson**](#), and Members of the

[**Senate Committee on Housing and Development**](#)

Re: [**SB 722**](#) – Prohibits residential landlords from software and occupancy control, and applies rent caps for younger properties – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) believes that one of the goals of social policy in the United States should be to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families, and that the most effective social policy programs are those that prevent and reduce poverty. For these reasons, we support **SB 722** and what it intends to accomplish.

This proposal would help prevent displacement by prohibiting landlords of multifamily housing to utilize price-fixing AI software to inflate rents or occupancy rates. This unethical practice is the subject of [national attention](#). Attorneys General in eight states, including Oregon, have joined the Justice Department in an antitrust suit to disallow this method of sharing and aligning non-public information to drive up rents.

The bill also would reduce the current 15-year exemption for new construction from our statewide rent stabilization statute down to 7 years. This change would provide reasonable rent stabilization protection for an additional 40,000 housing units and between 80,000 to 100,000 Oregonians.

Price fixing has no place in Oregon, and we cannot afford to allow this practice to exacerbate our housing crisis. Oregon renters are the 6th most cost burdened in the nation, and our eviction crisis is growing, with more than 27,000 cases filed last year. Eighty-eight percent of evictions are because tenants cannot afford Oregon's high rents. Studies show that rent stabilization policies help keep tenants stably housed and reduce evictions.

We urge your support for SB 722 and thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Barbara Klein
Acting President LWVOR

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