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Sincerely,

public service.

I strongly urge you to pass SB 611 as quickly as possible. Thank you for your consideration and your

destabilize too many lives.

women, minorities and other at-need populations constitute an unfair price for unjust laws that disproportionately high financial burden placed on the low or fixed income, young adult and seniors.

There is no denying that the lack of affordable housing and the abrupt and

alternative?

Once a retiree reaches that level of expense, is there an acceptable AND affordable (to ordinary people) three years of 10+% annual increases in rent can take rental expenses far beyond an affordable range. Two or on limited or fixed income have to carefully plan their long-term plans around limited resources. Two or profit should NOT be allowed to purchase and "spin" senior retirement communities where individuals landlords who seek such high increases in rent annually or have as their business plan to maximize

part of the additional "rent" increase apparently goes to elevate the profit margin for owners/investors. their personnel costs have not increased by 14% during 2022 and thus far in 2023! I suspect that a large only the "rent" were considered, the rate of increase would be noticeably higher. And, I am certain that increase in rent was based on the total amount not just the amount for occupying our living space. If certain personal care and entertainment services that most rent amounts don't include. Yet, the

furthermore, the monthly "rent" includes charges for food, transportation, maintenance, utilities, and

residing at the Eugene Hotel! Is that the "Oregon Way" to treat your senior citizens?

option. The prospect of an unstable future is increasing the "new norm" for retirees announced their departure by the end of this month and many others are thinking seriously of the same Since November, several senior residents have moved out; within the past week, four more seniors

consecutive years in the future, I will have to look for more affordable housing elsewhere (if it exists)! personally unsustainable in the future. If I face rent increases like the one this year for several apartment. The sudden and sheer increase in rent is generally viewed by our residents as excessive and increase in rent from \$220 to \$330 per month, (\$2640 to \$3960 annually) depending on the size of the 3% per year. That means that retired residents, many of whom are on limited or fixed incomes, face an (local citizens of the Eugene community) had verbally agreed to increase the rent at an annual rate of residents (including me) that our rent would be increased 14% in 2023. Historically, the former owners owners of my retirement community, the Eugene Hotel Retirement Center, notified some of its senior The reality of the affordable housing emergency grabbed my attention when the new out-of-state

of 8% whichever is less.

I strongly urge passage of SB 611, which addresses the critical need to control the annual increase of rental charges in retirement communities here in Oregon to 3% plus CPI per year or an annual average

from Indiana a little more than a year ago to be near my daughter and her family.

My name is Mearl Grabill and I am an 85-year old senior retiree residing in Eugene, who moved here

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