



March 4, 2021

Re: Support for SB 282-1, Tenant COVID Protections

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 282-1. For the record my name is Katia Selezneva and I am writing on behalf of Human Solutions and Residents Organizing for Change (ROC). Both of these organizations believe that the home is a foundation for the health and wellbeing of all families.

We know that the COVID pandemic is not over. We've also know that over the last year those most vulnerable, Black, Brown, Indigenous, immigrant families, and women-led households, have been impacted the worst. Now more than ever we see that we all need safe and stable places to call home and the government has a critical role in helping to achieve that. The eviction moratorium has been essential in helping renters stay safe and stable in their homes, but we need more time to help people pay thousands of dollars in back rent or to apply for rental assistance.

We need to ensure Oregon's recovery doesn't leave anyone out. SB 282-1 provides the protections we so desperately need. As we move into the next stage of the COVID pandemic, we must acknowledge the ongoing difficulty that continues to face our most vulnerable communities. We must act to ensure that the fallout from the COVID pandemic does not sentence Oregonians who rent their homes to lasting collateral consequences. We urge you to pass SB 282-1.

When all residents thrive, communities thrive.

Thank you for your work and consideration of this essential legislation.

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