

Marciia Williams

Sincerely,

Thank you for your consideration and your public service.

now or you support me when I enter the welfare system.

I strongly urge you to pass SB 611 as quickly as possible. The sad truth is this: Either you support me

destabilize too many lives.

There is no denying that the lack of affordable and available housing and the abrupt and dispportionally high financial burden placed on the low or fixed income, young adult and seniors, women, minorities and other at-need populations constitute an unfair price for unjust laws that

are more broadly based and include other costs of living for seniors, including rent and medical expenses. Some experts recommend using the CPI-E for figuring rent increases.

Furthermore, any new bill needs some type of commonly recognized framework or guidelines for anticipating future annual rate of increase. The CPI is based on food only. There are other indexes that

anticipate expenses far beyond an affordable range.

Landlords who seek such high increases in rent annually should not be allowed to invest in senior retirement communities where individuals on limited or fixed income have to carefully plan their long-term their long-term residency. Two or three years of 10% annual increases in rent can take rental expenses far beyond an affordable range.

Since November, several seniors have moved out; within the past week, four more seniors announced their departure by the end of this month. The prospect of an unstable future is increasingly becoming the "new norm" for retirees residing at the Eugene Hotel. Is that the "Oregon Way" to treat

like the one this year in the future, I will have to look for more affordable housing elsewhere (if it exists)! viewed by our residents as excessive and personally unsustainable in the future. If face rent increases per month, depending on the size of the apartment. The sudden and sheer increase in rent is generally residents, many of whom are on limited incomes, face an increase in rent from \$220 to \$330 per month, depending on the size of the apartment. That means that retired Eugene community had increased the rent an average of 3% per year. That means that the owners of my retirement community, the Eugene Hotel Retirement Center, notified its senior residents that our rent had been increased to 14% in 2023. Historically, the former owners (local citizens of the town) addressed the critical need for rental stability including limiting the amount of rent increase to 3% plus CPI per year or a total of 8% whichever is less here in Oregon.

My name is Marciia Williams and I am a senior retiree residing in Eugene. I strongly urge passage of SB 611, which addresses the critical need for rental stability including limiting the amount of rent increase to 3% plus CPI per year or a total of 8% whichever is less here in Oregon.

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee: