

Ulla McKinney

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 housing and the abrupt and dispropotionally high financial burden placed on the low or fixed income, young adult and seniors, women, minorities and other at-risk 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 rate of increase. The CPI is based on food only. There are other indexes that

beyond an affordable range.

Landlords who seek such high increases in rent annually should not be allowed to invest in senior term residency. Two or three years of 10+% annual increases in rent can take rents far

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

My name is Ulla McKinney and I am an 82-year-old 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 here in Oregon.

The reality of the affordable housing emergency grabbed my attention when the new out-of-state

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 Eugene community) had increased the rent an average of 3% per year. That means that retired

residents, many of whom are on limited or fixed incomes, face an increase in rent from \$220 to \$330 like the one this year in the future, I will have to look for more affordable housing elsewhere (if it exists)!

Since November, several seniors have moved out; within the past week, four more seniors announced their departure by the end of the month. The prospect of an unstable future is increasing

becoming the "new norm" for retirees residing at the Eugene Hotel. Is that the "Oregon Way" to treat

senior citizens?