

I am writing in strong support of SB 722, which will help prevent displacement and extreme rent spikes by extending coverage of our state's rent stabilization statutes, and by prohibiting the use of price-fixing software to inflate rents.

I am a hospice nurse, and, as such I go wherever the need arises. We care for people regardless of race, gender, belief, or living situation. We go into million dollar houses, to assisted living facilities, to private homes, to old apartments. We go to travel trailers in parking lots. Hotels, and tents.

And underlying concern of so many of our people on hospice services is their ability to pay rent. Many are living month to month in conditions that lack basic services. The need is great and is growing with our aging population.

My son is 28. His friend group are mostly living in apartments with multiple roommates to be able to afford housing. The rent can change exponentially. This needs to be addressed.

For all of these reasons, we urge your strong support of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and for your service to Oregon communities.

Sincerely,
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