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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development  
Measure: SB799  
Senator Kayse Jama  
Chair, Senate Housing and Development Committee  
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Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee:

Please support and vote for SB 799 to add time for replies to eviction notices.

This bill is part of Governor Kotek's emergency legislative package to provide \$100 million for rent assistance; SB61/HB2733 to limit exorbitant and abusive rent increases too many landlords are imposing this year; and the Rental Market Data Bill for greater transparency in the rental housing sector. All these factors are necessary to create greater availability of affordable housing in Oregon.

My name is Beth Weldy a 79 year old senior retiree living in Eugene and I am affected by the shortage of affordable housing for many Oregonians, especially young adults, women, low-income, minorities and seniors.

I am informed that the demand for housing assistance and advocacy from 2020 to the present has skyrocketed to more than 250 cases per month in the Eugene and Springfield area. Recent surveys indicate that between 12 -37% of those who are evicted become homeless. According to the state economist, more than 50% of Oregon renters do not have enough money for food, medicine and the basic necessity after the rent is paid.

Meanwhile, according to tax returns (even during the Pandemic), the number of Oregonians earning more than \$500,000 jumped more than 11% in 2020, and tripled over the past decade.

Communities already facing historical and systemic barriers to jobs, housing, health care opportunity and a sustainable income are paying an unfair price for Oregon's unjust and rushed eviction laws. I strongly urge you to pass SB 799 as quickly as

possible.

If you have questions or want to contact me, I can be reached at 5413579548 (voice or text) or by email at bweldy@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration

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