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****Opposition to Oregon HB 3054: Protecting Our Children's Future Housing****

As a mother, I worry about what the future holds for my children—especially when it comes to finding a safe, affordable place to live as they grow up. Oregon HB 3054 may sound like a solution to rising housing costs, but in reality, it will make things worse.

So many rental communities are already struggling with **serious maintenance issues**—leaking water and sewer lines, crumbling sidewalks, overgrown trees creating fire hazards, and unsafe sheds and carports. Some septic systems are even failing and out of compliance with health regulations. Property owners need to be able to cover their costs to fix these urgent problems, but HB 3054 would **limit rental income** so severely that they won't have the resources to make necessary repairs.

We've seen what happens when rent control is imposed: **fewer available rentals, worsening conditions, and fewer incentives to invest in housing.** When landlords can't afford to maintain their properties, homes fall into disrepair, and families like mine are left with fewer safe options.

I want my children to have a future where they can find **quality, well-maintained homes** at a fair price—not be stuck in a system where rental properties decline and opportunities disappear. Instead of punishing property owners who provide housing, Oregon should be focusing on **real solutions that encourage investment in safe, livable communities.** HB 3054 isn't the answer, and I urge our leaders to consider the long-term consequences before moving forward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mellissa Barnard