



TO: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

RE: Support for HB 4123A – Tenant Privacy Protection

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Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is David Wieland, and I'm submitting this testimony on behalf of Our Children Oregon in support of HB 4123A.

Our Children Oregon is a statewide child advocacy and child abuse prevention nonprofit. We work to advance equitable policies so that all Oregon children — particularly those from systemically excluded communities — have what they need to thrive. Stable, safe housing is foundational to that vision. Families with children are disproportionately represented among Oregon renters, and they are disproportionately harmed when private information shared with landlords is mishandled or exposed.

When families apply for housing, they hand over deeply sensitive information — financial records, identification, personal history. Right now, Oregon law offers no clear protection for how that information is used or shared. That gap puts families at real risk of fraud, theft, and harm — and it falls hardest on those already navigating the most barriers.

HB 4123A would change that. It adds a straightforward provision to Oregon's Landlord Tenant Act: sensitive tenant information cannot be disclosed without written consent, except by court order or for defined business purposes like background checks. Affordable housing providers are protected from conflicting federal or local funder requirements.

This bill has been negotiated with stakeholders, amended in the House, and faces no known opposition. It's a practical, overdue protection — and a step toward an Oregon where all families can feel safe at home.

Our Children Oregon urges your strong support of HB 4123A. Thank you for your service to Oregon's children and communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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