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On Behalf Of: HB2001

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

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To: Chair Dexter, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Elvira Josafat and I live in the city of Gales Creek in Washington County for 15 years.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the most vulnerable community I am writing because I am supporting the homeless prevention package.

We are facing a crisis in our communities of a 43% increase in monthly judicial evictions of people who can't pay their rent and are being evicted within 72 hours.

My work with the community gives me the opportunity to see the needs of the most vulnerable people the allowable rent increase of 14% by 2023 is shocking and cannot continue to happen with so many people living on the edge that is simply not affordable we all have the right to have a secure home without fear of being evicted at any time for lack of payment many families work up to three jobs to make ends meet each month but still not enough to pay their rent each month they live in fear of receiving an eviction notice from their landlord who gives them 72 hours to vacate and almost always the landlord no longer accepts payment and they are evicted and end up living on the streets which is inhumane that this is happening, It is inhumane that this is happening more to women of color than to white women. We all deserve the same right to have a safe and secure home without fear of someday ending up living on the streets.

Hopefully if you help us pass this Stable Homes for Oregon's Families package.

We will have fewer people living on the streets, we have the opportunity to advocate for the most vulnerable communities and those who suffer the most from homelessness with this proposal we are looking to stabilize our families and ensure that rents do not go up more than a reasonable amount. annually statewide No current law amendment allows rent increases 14% in the next year all units under 15

years old will have no limits on rent increases so we need more effective laws that will help the community not raise rents so excessively each year.

Thank you for your time and please support this important project for our community.

Sincerely