

Dear Chair Sanchez, Vice-Chairs Noble and Williams, and members of the Committee,

My name is Mason Drummond and I am a sixteen year old student in Portland. I support HB 2842 because lives are at risk, have been at risk, and will continue to be at risk unless we make homes safer. Health is a human right, and it is unconscionable not to support our families. Right now, kids my age and younger, are at risk for asthma and health complications just because they're living in their homes, but we can do something about it. HB 2842 is part of the solution.

Families shouldn't have to deal with health concerns in their own shelters, and economic status shouldn't decide your health. Part of nourishing and serving our Oregon communities means making sure that they are safe and healthy. Healthy housing is a high stakes, life or death issue, and we need to make sure that our communities get the care that they need and deserve through HB 2842. When our families live in healthy homes they can contribute to a healthy future for our state, a future where everyone gets what they need.

Thank you Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Campos, and Vice-Chair Morgan and members of the Committee, for supporting Healthy Homes, HB 2842.

Sincerely,
Mason Drummond