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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

Dear Chair and members of the Housing Committee,

My name is Eva and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am a renter and registered nurse and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 799. Evictions in Oregon are skyrocketing to historical rates, increasing homelessness, and threatening housing security for hundreds of thousands of tenants.

In order to slow the threat of widespread evictions and prevent homelessness, we need reasonable reforms that gives tenants a real chance to stay in their homes.

That's why I'm asking for your support of Senate Bill 799.

Oregonians need more protections so that they are able to stay in their homes, instead of ending up on the street. It's much easier to prevent someone from becoming houseless than it is to house them after the fact. I believe that housing is a human right and I hope you see it that way too.

Senate Bill 799 will give tenants a chance to fight unjust evictions and time to get rent assistance when needed.

Sincerely,

Eva Smith, RN