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Oregonians need SB 611.

People need better protections on rent increases and this bill will help a lot of people.

Housing is not a regular commodity. When rent is raised at an unreasonable amount, people can't just go to another store or clip coupons. People need to be secure in their homes. There needs to be a reasonable limit on yearly increases. The current bill proposes a balanced workable limit. The previous limit, which would currently allow an increase of 14.7%. That is an outrageous amount. People who get notices that their rent is going up yet again and this time at an amount slightly over 14%, face daunting stark choices that they should not have to face. And it is especially outrageous that it is an amount levied on the poorest and the most vulnerable Oregonians.

Landlords often have fixed costs paying off a mortgage, the monthly price of which does not increase at a rate compounding year-over-year. At most, landlords have limited expenses of maintenance and other improvements. This increase limit gives landlords sufficient reasonable increases while protecting tenants.

Please move the bill forward.

Thank you for considering.

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