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Hello Chair Fagan, Vice Chair Girod, Members of the Committee,

Talent is a Southern Oregon City with a population of near 6500 people, many of whom are struggling to stay housed. With a median household income that is near the bottom of Jackson County, and housing costs are near the top, Talent is hit particularly hard.

As a small town Mayor trying to address this crisis, I find that our lack of big city resources make it particularly difficult to deal with a crisis of this magnitude, keeping on the outside of being able to improve our circumstances. Cities like Talent are counting on you to provide us with much needed legislation to provide the needed lift, so that our little community can start to cope with this serious housing crisis.

Senate Bill 608 will offer Talent's cost burdened households hope that should they experience a no-cause eviction, which they are financially unprepared for, they will have 90 days to relocate and be provided with some financial assistance on moving costs. Stemming back not only frivolous evictions but also providing folks with a safety net to survive an eviction, rather than falling into a financial free fall, that very often results in homelessness.

The annual limits on rent hikes are essential to manage the horrible rent spikes that Talent in particular has experienced in Jackson County, these past few years.

We all have an opportunity to work together to provide those who struggle to remain in their homes, some relief from a crisis that erodes the most basic human needs. There is only one humane thing to do and that is vote to pass SB 608.

Very gratefully,

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