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Chair Fagan, Vice-Chair Girod, Members of the Senate Housing Committee:

Our names are James and Veronica Lopez Ericksen. We are a family who resides in the SE Portland neighborhood of Lents. We moved here after relocating from an apartment in North Portland. We have experienced unhealthy living conditions in our apartment, which the landlord refused to address. We were very concerned for the health of our daughter who lives with asthma. We were also very concerned for our neighbors in our apartment complex who were living in undesirable conditions and for other neighbors who were being evicted out of their apartment complex so that the owners could raise the rent. A whole apartment complex was evicted and relocated for the purposes of greed and wealth. Students were uprooted from their neighborhood school and had to start over in other schools. Melrose Place in North Portland has had a nice face-lift, but it's all a facade; outside it may look pretty nice, but on the inside, nothing was renovated or even changed in the slightest. We have to do something to stop landlords and greedy owners from raising the rent causing suffering to our most valuable families. We stand in support of SB 608, we know it's a start toward legislation that will help families stay rooted in their community and make the community stronger. This is a landmark legislation that will be on the right side of history. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

James and Veronica Lopez Ericksen
Community Alliance of Tenants Members

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