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**Thank you for allowing me to testify this year. I have had 4 rent increases in 2 years. FOUR. The rent increase that starts 3/1/19 is over 2 times my Cost of Living increase. The rent increase 5 and a half months ago 10/1/18 makes my rent increases 4 times higher than my COLA. The increase I received 3/1/18, 13 months ago. makes my rent almost 5 and 1/2 times higher than my COLA.**

**Some of my neighbors can not get all their prescriptions filled. But is was mighty white of the banks to offer to charge an extra 10.00 per prescription. My seniors can not afford to pay for in the 1st place. And extra 240.00 per year for 2 medications. For my friends and neighbors who have no Money to pay for in the first place.**

**66,000 seniors no B & D coverage, playing Russian roulette with their lives. Thanks, Rents keep going up and up. Some live in this 190 unit building. \$88,000 property tax paid by us, Renters.**

**I am for Renters Protection and SB 608. In 2017 I had 15 neighbors die. Add 1 more for the suicide. Julie was afraid of becoming homeless. And 8 of my neighbors died in 2018. Yes, I live in Senior housing. That is a lot more deaths than most nursing homes in a year. Some of my neighbors are paying 80% of their income for rent here Senior ville. Many more neighbors are paying 75%. Last year for the 1st time 2 of my neighbors moved in with their adult children to help the Adult children out with their rents.**

**There were other seniors moved in with families could no longer afford to rent here. A few moved out of state for the same reasons rents are to high in OREGON. NO Renters PROTECTIONS.**

**2017 we had 3,000 unhoused school kids in Gresham Alone. 1,700 have been re housed in Washington state. Gresham still has 1,300. houseless school kids today.**

**So the owners who have all these new empty apts. How can the land lords afford to keep them empty? But the builders, bankers, and land lords, corperate can not afford to build housing for the working folks, low income folks or even put in 10% low income renters? Talk about an oxymoron. Who is paying for these empty apts? We the renters are. With our higher rents. Big tax write offs. Large rent increases. 9/15/15 SOS Renters state of emergency.**

**Why too many houseless kids in every city.**

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