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Chairperson Keny-Guyer.

To Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice Chair Noble and Vice Chair Sanchez,
and members of the committee,
Thank you for this great opportunity to speak to you today. I
would also like to thank you all for prioritizing the housing
crisis, and establishing this committee.

I am a resident of Ashland, and currently, I am couch surfing
with whatever generous people help me out, while I look I for
housing. I volunteer with Rogue Climate and with the Rogue
Action Center, helping them with the community work they are
currently doing. Up until the point that I was no cause evicted, I
had been a renter for almost 5 years in the Rogue Valley. I asked
my landlady about the any reasoning behind the eviction, and
she simply gave me a clear notice, stating that there was no
reason for it at all.

This proposal is the result of 2 years of debate, consideration
and work. This is a compromise, but it is still a well-vetted and
fair bill that would protect tenants. It is a crucial first step for
Oregon housing rights.

If this bill was passed it would not only protect myself from this
bad situation, but it would protect the 1 in 3 people in Jackson
County that pay more than 50% of their income to rent. This bill
would create a true Just-Cause eviction standard, banning no-
cause evictions in most tenancies across the state. It will prevent
extreme rent increases and provide important stability during a

tenancy. It will curb displacement! People who rent their homes deserve at least this basic level of protection, and we should act now to implement these fundamentals. Oregonians can not wait any longer.

Sincerely,
Joseph Tomlin.