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To: SHS Exhibits
Cc: Sen Courtney; Sen Beyer; Sen Manning; Sen Prozanski
Subject: I support HB 2004

Dear Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Olsen, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to let you know that I support HB 2004A. As renters in Eugene for the past decade, my husband and I have faced a multiple threats to our housing stability. **Three years ago a landlady increased our rent by \$200/month after one year of living on her property. In 2007, while a student at the University of Oregon, my rent was increased by \$150/month after one year of renting student housing.** Rent controls, if executed effectively, could help renters like us to plan for regular incremental increases in our cost of living instead of the current 60 days notice, which for us would mean needing to find a second job, and for some families would also mean they need to find childcare since they'll be working extra hours to pay the new hiked up rent.

Similarly, many of our friends have faced no-cause evictions in the last year that have left them in precarious situations. A small family that lived next door to us last year faced a no-cause eviction last summer when the home owner chose to sell the home. She gave this family of five 60 days to vacate, refusing to offer any flexibility. **As you may be aware, Eugene/Springfield has a severe housing shortage right now so while this family had the money to move into another middle-class housing option, there were literally no units that they could find within 60 days. This young family, with three little boys under age 5, was left homeless for two months. This is in tragic and excusable.** HB 2004A would have at least helped them to rent in an extended-stay hotel while they sought long-term housing. Likewise, another friend of ours has received two no-cause evictions from studio apartments in the last year, which causes real disruptions to her professional life at the University of Oregon. HB 2004A would discourage landlords from using ungrounded no-cause evictions that displaces families and young professionals.

Please, I ask you to vote yes on HB 2004A to help provide fair and stable housing for the millions of renters here in Oregon. New building is one piece of the long-term solution but right now we need to put out the fire that has real long-term consequences.

Sincerely,

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