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To: SHS Exhibits; Sen Courtney
Subject: We need HB 2004

Dear Sen. Courtney,

We are in the midst of a housing crisis, and though it may not seem as extreme in Woodburn or Salem like in Portland it is a very important issue. Currently, the power dynamics between landlords and tenants overwhelmingly favors landlords. As tenants, we are at the mercy of landlords who can raise the rent to whatever they please or simply put us out on the street with a no cause eviction.

During the hearing, you heard of landlord horror stories of how they needed to evict people, each one of those cases had a justified cause to evict people. Implementing a ban on No Cause evictions would not prevent landlords from evicting people, it protects tenants from being displaced without justification and provides peace of mind for folks who are excellent tenants. No one should be evicted from their home simply because the landlord wants to put the unit back on the market in hopes of getting a new tenant who is willing to pay more.

Leaving rent prices to be set by the market has lead to numerous people losing their homes and community. Whole communities are being uprooted and displaced, these disruptions have huge impacts on the health and wellbeing of our families. People are forced to move further away from friends and family, jobs, schools, community.

At the very least, landlords should help pay for the expenses of the families that are being displaced. It is landlords who will continue to profit from renting out their units at higher rates. Please Senator vote in favor of HB 2004 and help pass the renter protections we badly need.

Your constituent,

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