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Legislators,

Please support HB 2004.

**My partner and I were targeted with a no-cause eviction after fighting for our rights against illegal fees and unfit living conditions.** We had to move in with his parents – in our mid-20s – because we couldn't afford the costs associated with moving into a new apartment and out of our place. Below is my story.

After several years of dating and saving up, my partner and I finally moved into our own place together. It was right on the bus line to Portland State, where we both attended full time in addition to holding down jobs.

We had rats for over a month because the property manager kept putting off hiring an exterminator to go underneath the building and remove them. I remember calling the property manager crying because I could hear the rats in my kitchen or tearing up the carpet by my bedroom.

We had a broken oven and stove that stayed broken after repeated visits by the property manager. We were charged hundreds of dollars in fees that upon research we discovered were illegal. We fought tooth and nail for weeks and finally won our money back. Why did we stay? Because we couldn't afford to move (deposit + first month's rent, U-Haul, etc.)

Two months later we were targeted for fighting for our rights and the landlord issued a no-cause eviction. They charged us almost \$1,000 in move out charges. We had to move in with my partner's parents.

Even though I had to move into my boyfriend's parents' house in my mid-20s, I feel very fortunate because we had a place to go. Many people don't, and they might end up on the street or have to leave their lives behind and move in with their families in another state.

**HB 2004 gives you the opportunity to choose between helping the people who actually need it, or maintaining the status quo favoring those wealthy enough to own multiple properties.**

Thank you for your time and your vote,

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