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Respected legislators:

I want to clarify that Mr. Chris Wigg does not indeed speak officially for Lane County Democrats. He volunteered himself for this unelected position and, although some or many may or may not share his views, he speaks only as an individual voter on HB 2004 or any other bill. How do I know this? As a registered voter who has voted Democratic for over 45 years, married to another such, there has been no polling or survey of party voters over this issue. No one from Lane County Democratic Party has solicited our views or suggestions, nor those of anyone else I know. In point of fact, of all the Democrats I know, none supports the bill in its entirety.

My own view is that the underlying issue is one of a shortage of affordable housing, and I don't find any aspects of this bill which directly address that problem.

Regarding the meeting Mr. Wigg cited in his letter, I also attended in an effort to deepen my understanding of the issues involved. Nowhere did I observe any landlords seeking to 'hijack' the meeting, although I did note that the speakers scheduled voiced only one view and represented only one slice of tenant experiences. I was proud to note that the elected representatives were much more titrated and inclusive in their efforts to both learn and teach. They helped undermine the victim/oppressor dichotomy Mr. Wigg, more than any other speaker, sought to project.

I want to be clear that whether or not I agree with Mr. Wigg, he is not authorized to represent himself as my voice or the ipso facto voice of other Lane County Democrats unless he collects and publishes and accurately analyzes data from actual members of our party. (Even more helpful would be to poll all Lane County voters.)

Most sincerely,

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