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Dear Senator Pierce and members of the Housing Committee,

I have been a landlord for over 30 years and I strongly oppose LD1710. There is a need for more housing but to put this burden on the people who provide housing will not only put excess burden on us, but also to our market rate tenants.

I seldom increased rent on my tenants but because of rent control in Portland I am forced to increase every year. My rents were lower than the market on many of my units and when rent control happened I was stuck without the ability to increase to market rate when I have a turnover. I learned that I had to increase my rents in other areas in case they also decide to have rent control.

Government can just raise taxes to help citizens that require rental assistance but what are landlords to do? We are not all large corporate rental companies, we are small time landlords, and have expenses and yes, we are due a little profit for our sacrifices and hard work.

Thank you for consideration in opposing LD1710.