**#JustCause Because** 

# NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS ARE DEVASTATING COMMUNITES ACROSS OREGON

# NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS VIOLATE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF FAIRNESS.

- → Under current law, landlords in Oregon can evict tenants without any reason even if they have been good tenants and always paid their rent on time.
- → Families and other renters have to move out in as little as 60 days. If they don't, they face costly court fees and a negative rental history which makes it harder to find a new home.

## NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS ARE OFTEN USED TO RETALIATE, DISCRIMINATE, AND DISPLACE.

- → No-cause evictions are ripe for abuse. Because there are few defenses to a no-cause eviction, landlords can use them as a screen for retaliation or discrimination.
- → Many renters avoid asking for repairs, even if their health or safety depends on them, for fear of being given a no-cause eviction.
- → No cause evictions disproportionately impact communities of color, seniors, people with disabilities, and families with young children.

### **EVICTIONS RESULT IN HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY.**

- → Families have a small window to come up with what is often thousands of dollars to move and to pay rent, fees and deposits. If they can't find a new home within that window, families risk homelessness.
- → Seniors, people with disabilities, and people with health issues lose their support networks, care providers, and communities. Health risks for them become greater.
- → Income disparities experienced by families of color often means significant challenges in finding units they can afford. This problem is further compounded with the significant expenses associated with moving.
- Eviction leads to work disruptions for adults and to school and achievement disruptions for children.

#### WE NEED LEGISLATORS TO STAND UP IN SUPPORT OF #JUSTCAUSE.

- → Just Cause eviction laws protect families and communites by supporting housing stability to bolster a fair shot for all.
- → Just Cause eviction laws are reasonable, and they are fair to landlords. They allow landlords to evict tenants who have violated the lease agreement. Landlords may also evict for legitimate, specific business reasons.

TENANTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SUDDENLY LOSING THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF NO CAUSE EVICTIONS. #JUSTCAUSE EVICTIONS CREATE FAIRNESS AND STABILITY FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 40% OF OREGON HOUSEHOLDS IN RENTAL AGREEMENTS.

