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hello. i would like to deliver testimony at todays committee hearing for ordinance 231019. My comments are below

Support 231019

Hello. My name is Kyle O'Connor, I'm a resident of the 4th district and a proud leader with KC Tenants (Shout out to the Midtown Tenant Union, KCT Local #1)

I'm speaking today today show my support for item 231019, which would establish a ban on source of income discrimination for rentals in KC. I don't hold a section 8 voucher or make my rent from cash tips, but i'm speaking in support of this ordinance because i want my friends and neighbors who do to have the same access to housing choices that I do. I don't want to live in a city that's segregated on the basis of how people pay their rent. When landlords are allowed to discriminate in who they take applications from, it creates a toxic dynamic in the rental market. Renters who face SOI discrimination are often forced to go to whoever will take them- often times these are slumlords. "Landlords of last resort" who know that they can abuse and exploit their tenants as much as they want because- where are they gonna go? no one else will even look at their application. It doesn't have to be this way. We can ban this kind of discrimination in our city once and for all with this ordinance, so i am calling on the members of the committee to pass 231019