

HELLO,

I would like to tell you a little why I oppose SB-608.

As an Refugee from Czech Republic my family and I went through many hardships coming to this country and not speaking the language, 4 children in tow. What we did learn that there are possibilities here we did not have in Czechoslovakia. We had worked hard, every day, not 5 days a week but 7 days a week. We had purchased delapidated properties and turned them into swans. My tenants appreciate everything I do and make them feel like its their home, not just a rental.

I had also owned 2 emergencies shelter here in PDX - 15 years . I knew the eviction process better than some attorneys. I never gave up on tenants that had hardships, allowed them to pay when they can, which most of the time did not work in my favor. I don't regret any of that.

What I do oppose is this nonsense of Rent Control. What else you want to be in control of? Perhaps helping me in hauling garbage, repairing places that some people destroy and move thinking its OK? Or pay my mortgage and never ending property increases? I doubt some tenants care, they want cheap rent. Maybe to some landlords who do not care about their places its OK, but lots of us do care and never stop improving our properties that we earned.

We will not stand for someone in a an office who gets a paycheck, retirement, health insurance will tell us what we can or can not charge for rent to cover our overhead and make profit to pay for our own retirement, insurance, property taxes, health insurance, increases as the city implements . We are our own paychecks - and have the right to demand what is necessary to survive.

Otherwise we will all sell out and go places that will not think they can literally play with our own properties ! Its ours, NOT YOURS OR TENANTS ! They too can go and work twice as hard to earn their own piece of the land. We certainly did !

Thank you in advance for your sincere care,  
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