

Would you please do the right thing and start protecting the landlords and the hard earned investment money that we put into our local cities?

I am a single mother of 3 boys, and have worked at least 2 full time jobs nearly my entire adult life.

I have managed to provide a comfortable home and childhood for my children.

Since my income sources have been mainly from self employment income, with NO retirement benefits, I chose to invest in real estate.

My children have been raised helping me clean and restore several homes in the Salem area, in areas that aren't in the most desirable location.

We have had both horrible tenants and the best of tenants.

As a landlord, I have NEVER had a rent increase from the time my tenant moved in, until they moved out.

Some have been in our places for nearly a decade.

HOWEVER, like many other landlords, we have HAD to evict a tenant. It hasn't happened very often, but it HAS.

I am not a big real estate investor, and don't have the high end rentals, but I keep my houses clean and kept up.

Between my low rents, paying sewer, water, and the high property taxes and insurance, there really is very little disposable income at the end of the month from rentals.

What you are proposing to do, would be a definite hardship for families like mine.

Paying relocation costs? Seriously?

Some things don't work out, sometimes things change.

If I were to die today, more than likely, my family would have to sell properties just to make ends meet.

I have 1 child in college and another on his way next year.

Should my hardworking family be penalized? Is it my job to pay for somebody else's rent? Would you want to? Would it be a hardship for you?

Or, if my children had to downsize and move into one of the rentals, because they couldn't afford the home that we are in now without my income, can they afford to pay relocation costs?

Please give us some say on the investments that we have spent 30 years working towards.

Not all landlords are bad, nor are all tenants bad. We should be able to police ourselves.

This catch all ridiculous bill does not work for us, yet we would be hurt financially and emotionally by it, if it ever had to come into play for us.

It is not right!

Give us back some rights to the properties that we worked so hard for. We have already lost so many of them.

Please reconsider this bill, and again, think about what it would/could mean for your family or loved ones financially, if they were in my position. We should not be required to pay anybody's rent.

Sincerely,
Lisa Rosenberg
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