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Subject: Opposed to SB 91

Please Oppose SB 91

The supposed "Landlord Tenant Coalition Bill" - is opposed by 1,700+ landlords represented by the Rental Housing Association of Greater Portland, a statewide coalition of landlords. This bill forbids landlords from considering the criminal history of tenant applicants. Why should other tenants be subject to known criminal neighbors?

Why should the applicant who has had to leave a tenancy because of loss of job, family emergency or other legitimate reason for failure to pay rent be put at a disadvantage when applying for a unit that this law says must go to a criminal that applied first? The bills says I cannot consider a crime that is not a "person or property crime"..where does the reoccurring drunk driver or identify theft convict fit in here? Do I have to be sued in order to set a precedent on crimes that do not fit into one category or another?

I am a small business person who is tired of defending myself in court over who I decide to do business with and who I decide to subject law abiding tenants to. Applicants earned their backgrounds - I should be able to decide whether their background works for me and my other tenants.

Please vote no on SB 91.