

Dear Legislators,

I am writing today to voice my opposition to HB-2004. Please do not pass this bill. This will produce unintended consequences that will take years, maybe decades to correct. The people who will suffer the most from passage of this bill are not just landlords, but also tenants.

I have had many; many people tell me they will just sell their homes. Reducing the supply of housing will not be a wise choice to make, but it will be the result, if your vote moves this measure closer to passage. You will own the outcome of a yes vote and it will be remembered by your constituents. I believe there are better choices that could, and should be made. Rush legislation is just that, rushed legislation. It will ultimately fail, because it is not a solution to the problem. If you really care to find a working solution, looks for ways to increase the supply of housing and stop demonizing the landlords of this great state.

I am both a tenant, and a landlord, and I say this with all due respect, I expect you all to do the hard work you were elected to do. Stop finding social solutions that give a quick “feel good” moment, but in the end, causes further damage. You have all the attention of the renters and landlords in the state, so show good leadership and smart decision making and stop sponsoring poor legislation.

Most Sincerely,

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