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Subject: No cause evictions have every cause to fight

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RE: Testimony in support of HB 2004 A

Dear Senate Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Olson and members of the committee,

I am Cliff Gray and have been lobbying for this bill since early September. There is so much to say in so little time, so I will be brief here the nature of no-cause evictions. More from me can be found in the March 2, 2017 House committee on Human Resources and Housing exhibits list.

No-Cause Evictions share the same impulse a vigilante does in informing mob law. Only this time it's an individual taking away any chance of explanation and redemption of a tenant. No proof, operating on conjecture and a confused value of punishment drives this.

The question is the value of "due process" which I had thought was to right of all of us. Often viewed in a calmer light it is hard to justify the weight of an eviction for a crime the value of a ten dollar parking ticket. Evictions are expensive for tenants both in terms of the cost to move and the stigmatization that accompanies making a new search for logging that much more difficult.

Shall we hang those whom we only suspect of an offense. This is how vigilante justice operates. And what impulse does this give rise to but the same. How many punched through walls does it take to see this. I would like to think we lived in a land of laws that prevented all such violence. So please restore respect for due process and the same respect will be returned.

Sincerely, Cliff Gray

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