Rosenberg Corey

From: Sen Gelser

Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 10:53 AM

To: Rosenberg Corey

Subject: FW:

Can you put this on OLIS?

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Subject:

5/2/17 Chair and Members, Senate Human Services Committee

HB 2004 and similar legislation has become a personal issue for me. Because I, according to the conditions of proposed laws, am lumped into a "problem maker" – the bad-word landlord!

I beg to differ.

I have been a tenant. I have been and am now a landlord for over 50 years. Those notso-few years' experiences gave me in-the-trench insight. Today, I rent six units. They serve to provide clean, low cost housing for my tenants and provide me with income for my senior years. (Would it influence your vote if your parent/grandparent were in my shoes?)

There are others like me in Oregon. Are we all to be penalized because of the ones who are greedy? I am not a greedy landlord. With rare exception, rents on my units are increased only during turnover of tenants. And with a reasonable increase.

I note there is an exclusion for owners of four or less units. So I am to be included (since I have six) in the housing problem that seems to be more rampant in Portland than elsewhere? ALL OTHER LANDLORDS IN THE STATE ARE IN THE SAME BOAT.

One question: Have you ever been a landlord?

One last comment from this former legislative staffer: I hope you consider the impact to all citizens of THE STATE OF OREGON, not just the state of portland.

Sincerely,

May C. (Macy) Hays Salem, Oregon