

Dear Senators,

my family owns several rentals in the La Grande area. We do our best to provide safe, clean dwellings for our tenants. The upkeep on these rentals requires a lot of energy and expense on our part. Given rising costs of insurance, utilities and upkeep we don't even break even on our investment.

Needless to say, "land lording" is not a get-rich-quick scheme. That being said, I would like to urge you to vote against HB 2004.

HB 2004 is not a real life solution to homelessness. In actuality, it will only add fuel to the fire. The restrictions imposed on landlords in accordance with HB 2004 will increase our costs and reduce the safety of our rentals. The "No Cause" eviction restriction will eliminate our ability to evict troublesome tenants in an effort to keep our rentals safe. The requirement to pay relocation costs will only penalize us, the landlords. In the end, rental housing will be more costly for tenants and less available, as landlords leave the rental housing market.

This bill is NOT the free market in action. This is government dictating "good". Please vote against this disastrous bill. It may sound nice-caring for the homeless, but in the end will actually harm those it intends to help.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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