## **Rosenberg Corey**

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**To:** SHS Exhibits **Subject:** HB-2004-A

With sincere respect for the difficult decisions before you today, we ask that you vote "NO" on HB2004. Passage of this legislation will hurt business and will not solve the critical homeless dilemma we all currently face.

Please consider the important contributions that property owners/landlords make to our communities, our state and its people:

- Property owners/Landlords provide affordable housing to a high percentage of local and state residents. Many landlords participate in Section 8 programs. Most landlords provide and prefer fixed-term rental agreements to protect the renter with a stable financial agreement.
- Property owners/landlords contribute to local economies and infrastructure through property and income taxes that support schools, local & state government and local business economies through employment of contractors, electricians, plumbers, painters, landscapers, cleaning & HVAC services and retail business establishments.
- Property owners/landlords work to maintain aesthetic and ecological health of the community through maintenance of yards, gardens, trees, grass and flowers on their rental properties.
- Our growing homeless problem has been with us for some time now. Restricting landlords will only make the problem worse. Many landlords, like us, are owners of one or two rental properties. Prohibitive restrictions and on-going regulation will cause many to move away from the rental arena, thus making affordable rental properties more scarce than they are today.

Please carefully consider the contributions that property owners/landlords make to our communities, our state and its people.

Please vote NO on HB2004-A.

With our sincere thanks for the work you do for all of us,

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