

In 2015, my small family of three experienced a no-cause eviction that cost our family thousands of dollars in moving costs. This happened just weeks before Portlanders were legally given an extra 2 months to find a place if they experienced a no-cause eviction (what a guy, right?). My husband and I are working class and we juggle several jobs plus our parenting responsibilities. We had to take off from work in order to pack, move and clean. We needed to hire childcare we couldn't afford. We hired movers we couldn't afford because it was quicker and more convenient than taking even more time off from work. We also had to come up with a deposit, plus first and last months rent for a new place we had to scurry to find. A lot of this we put on a credit card. All so our former landlord could put a \$300 Ikea shelf in the bathroom and take a screen door off the front door, he then raised the rent for the next tenants by \$400. Our young daughter was also completely scarred by the move. The level of stress this put on our entire family was through the roof. My daughter is still fearful, we might lose our housing that we have currently. It is completely shameful that no-cause evictions even exist. Portland was once an affordable city where people could rent and live without the fear of their housing being taken away. It simply is not that way anymore. If someone experiences a no-cause eviction these days, where are they to go? There isn't enough housing and it is completely shameful to displace people who have lived in this city for decades in favor of renting to people who recently moved here.

Please vote yes on HB2004

Kind regards,

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