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As for no-cause evictions

Here we are, a little old couple - used to be young - who bought a 10-plex only to find out as we became owners that one unit had been cooking meth and had caught the place on fire, and then found out our place had been known as a drug house. Of course with all of our due diligence and talking to people, none of this came out. As we found out, we had a girl with "many male friends" visiting during the night all the way to other tenants actively involved with the drug culture. The police knew our dwelling well. As it turned out, we had to evict approximately half of the tenants due to this. We could not have begun to be able to prove all these things-for cause- but fortunately we were able to evict the bad elements and keep the honorable tenants because we could do a "no cause". We had to turn the place around and make it a place-living area that people and the City of Portland would be proud of.

As for controlling the rents

For us as people having been born and lived in Portland, I ask, who stops our groceries from going higher, our clothing from going higher, our taxes where we live from going higher, our transportation from going higher, our heat from going higher, our electric bills from going higher, our water/sewer bills from going higher, our doctor bills from going higher. Our basic needs.

Then we are told because we are trying to provide good housing, our grandfathers of Portland would have been proud of. that now - oh no! - we must be limited in what we can do. Right now we have a person receiving gov. help for housing who now wants us to lower the rent so she can live there alone rather than get a second person to share rent and live somewhere independently - really? Really?!

HB 2204 defeats the purpose of wanting to maintain or improve Portland.

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