

To House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Feb. 18. 2019

Re: SB 608
Please support SB 608.

I lived in a nice apartment for 18 years. When I moved they told me the apartment was cleaner than they had ever seen it even though I was terminated for no cause. They just put a note on my door at Thanksgiving and said get out by the end of February. If I had been a bad tenant I would never have lasted 18 years. I was a person who had meetings with other tenants to speak up about the rents and the rules. They didn't want me. I know that that is discrimination. I wrote up a contract saying that they needed to do repairs and the manager signed it. They fired that manager. That was two years ago. I had to go through trauma treatment because it was so bad when they kicked me out. At the same time, the lady I was working for moved and I lost my job. I also got three tickets and then I lost my license. This all happened over Christmas and Thanksgiving. I was so scared. I get social security. I went to see Alan at city hall and was eventually able to get into affordable housing. The apartment faces sunset and it is heaven. It's been a year now and its so nice. I feel wonderful now.

Sincerely,
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