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I would ask as an individual landlord that you NOT consider this bill. It has been increasingly difficult to own rentals in Oregon. I believe there is a lack of understanding of the landlords side of all the new protections for tenants. If free or paid for legal assistance is provided for tenants then the same should be provided for landlords. I have no idea why you are being convinced to only consider one side of the housing problem. Landlords have NOT created the housing shortage, they are part of the cure for it. If you run landlords out of business what is your plan for housing people. You should be working harder to open up more and more housing, not hinder or hurt the housing that is available. I think you are well intentioned but have been over run with voices wanting something for nothing with no understanding of what it costs to own rentals. If you want housing to be owned and run by the government, then just go forward with that plan and do that, but don't try to give free or almost free housing to people and not make every citizen pay for that through their taxes, you cannot plan on saddling just a few people with the cost of housing everyone who wants reduced costs. I'd love reduced costs in the things I want and need. I very much need groceries to not cost so much, gasoline for my car be cheaper, I desperately need retirement income and my electric bill is way too high. Will you go to bat for me and get all of those lowered so I can not worry so much or work so hard. Will you get me free legal help to force gas station owners to give me gas for less no matter what it costs them to offer it to me. How about the grocery store, will you make sure they cannot charge me what they need to stay in business, and if they do charge me what it takes for them to stay in business will you give me to have free legal help so I can go after them for it? I doubt it, I think what you'd say to me is to work harder, work two jobs (which both my husband I have done). I just have to work harder to get what I need, not expect someone to give up what they've worked for and give it to me. It is just common sense and I'm afraid that it gets completely over ridden by special interest groups who have the time to spend working you.

I am sorry to make this so long, but it is so frustrating to see the way Oregon is going down this road of no return.

Thank You for your time
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