

Hello-

We are home owners in Portland OR and have been since 2007. We moved to California in the fall of 2019 and rented our home out for the first time. We hired an attorney to write our lease and got an exception for the relocation from the city. We weren't sure if we would stay in California for more than a year so wanted to be able to move back into our home where we got married and had two kids.

Since the pandemic my husband lost his job, I've been unable to get a job, battling two types of cancer and recovering from a severe Traumatic Brain Injury due to a car accident. We planned to move back to Portland in August when the lease was up to be close to family for help during my recovery of cancer and the Traumatic Brain Injury. We can't afford to live in California anymore and really want to move back to our home however the laws in Multnomah County have made it impossible for us.

Our tenant is a working attorney and perfectly capable of paying rent but isn't due to the current moratorium. Meanwhile she is destroying our home, refusing access to maintain very basic things that are normal maintenance and holding our house hostage. We sold the home under market value in August so we can access the only money we have. We gave her a 90 eviction notice that was properly delivered and she was supposed to move out November 16th. Although she is no longer living in the home she is refusing to return possession. We were supposed to go to court November 25 to get a court order however the courts closed until further notice. We had to spend thousands of dollars that we don't have in order to get access to winterize the pool so it doesn't overflow into our home and/or the pipes don't burst when it freezes. We went to Ex Parte Court and the judge immediately granted us access. Our tenant also is on record lying and it simply doesn't matter because the law is on her side.

The frenzy the city is creating by such a one sided extreme point of view will destroy the rental landscape in Portland. Small homeowners and landlords like us will continue to sell our properties because you have made it impossible for us to have any rights as landlords. Private homes will be hard to come by for rent and you will continue to encourage tenants to take advantage of laws that were put in place for the people that really need help.

Our family is currently suffering as we can't pay our rent here, mortgage in Portland and trying to put food on the table for our two children. In addition to paying medical bills out of pocket for cancer treatment and brain rehabilitation.

The laws Portland has put in place do not take into consideration the hardships the home owners are going through as well. The tenants are not the only ones suffering during the pandemic and that need protection or financial assistance. No steps have been made to actually help the home owners with financial assistance but rather we are being treated like criminals that are trying to take advantage of our tenants.

The reality is you have set up laws that enable people to take advantage of the poor laws put in place that are extremely one sided towards protecting the tenants only. You have taken a clear stance that the families and livelihoods of home owners don't matter. MANY of the tenants are capable of actually paying rent but aren't. Have you even checked how many tenants really need this? You're assuming they all do and that's simply not the case. You aren't considering the impact this has on home owners who have worked their whole lives to buy a home and can not afford not to get a rent payment much less for over an entire year. You are penalizing us for no reason.

I urge you to look at the burden this is having on everyone! The pandemic doesn't just affect tenants but the whole community at large. You are further dividing the community by your actions and the outcome is not favorable for the community short term or long term.

Thanks for your time, consideration and understanding.

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