

Please consider landlords, we are your constituents, too! We are seeing many renters take advantage of recent rent protection legislation who aren't paying their rent, not because their work or income has been affected or changed by COVID, but simply because they have the backing of state government not to have to pay. We landlords have mortgages and bills to pay. We need our rents paid to do this and renters have entered into an agreement to rent our properties for an agreed to rent no less than we as landlords have entered into the same agreement. Most landlords will be lenient with renters having legitimate issues, but legislation like this is creating a problem of unbalanced responsibility in these agreements which puts a huge burden on us as landlords. We are going through the COVID crisis, too! Please remember this and please stop the preemptive actions against something that hasn't yet become a widespread problem! Your legislation HAS created an ever growing problem for us as landlords. Stop it. Please vote against this or more, like legislation.

Please note, I'm writing this from bed at midnight because I'm so busy each day trying to keep people in my company working to keep them from having to go on unemployment and have to wait 8 months for their first unemployment check. My sister got her first unemployment check just 10 days ago from March! That is a problem you should be meeting in emergency session to resolve! I didn't have time today to write this and I won't have time tomorrow. People like me, a landlord and employer, care about our tenants and employees.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Thomas