

I am a responsible landlord, of one rental unit. I am 71 years old and dependent on the income of my rental to help pay my property taxes and mortgage. I am sympathetic to the crisis that the pandemic has caused for people who have lost income and are unable to keep up with rent payments. I would be in favor of this bill if it addressed the real problem, i.e., that renters are unable to pay their past due rent. I oppose this bill because it does nothing to help renters out of covid-related financial crisis. Nor does it address the community's housing crisis... the bill protects no one really, while creating an extreme polarity of interests between tenants and landlords. We need legislation that will help landlords and tenants work together to make it through this crisis. This bill puts the financial burden of a broken system onto the backs of landlords. This is not fair. It is not helpful. We need legislation that contributes to a workable solution; rather than putting a law into effect that creates loop-holes for dishonest folks to take advantage of the system. Please do not pass SB 282.