I am writing in opposition to SB 852. I own 2 residential rental properties. I am not wealthy. I maintain my properties and keep rents as low as possible. My rentals do NOT have a positive cash flow. If this bill goes into effect, I will increase rents. This bill will effectively drive up the cost of rents, which is the opposite of what you are intending.

I agree that we need to find a solution to provide people with safe, affordable housing. I volunteered in the affordable housing industry for 15 years. From my perspective, we first need to streamline how housing dollars are managed and allocated, and we need to implement the housing measures that have recently passed before seeking yet another source of funds. Punishing landlords is not going to help solve the problem.