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While this is a useful step in the right direction, we need much stricter regulations on landlords. People are unable to pay rent because rent is TOO HIGH. ALL HOUSING IS TOO HIGH! We need caps on rent based on local income, publicly funded housing to DRASTICALLY increase supply and lower the price of all types of housing (renting AND buying), denser more walk able cities and better public transit so people can live in less expensive towns or neighborhoods without the need for expensive transportation options, HUGE fines for landlords who leave housing empty to "show the libs", or artificially drive up prices DURING A HOUSING CRISIS. Rental assistance program reward landlords for PRICE GOUGING tenants during a crisis and only giving incentives to private developers to build housing to be rented or sold at current market rates will only further drive up the price of housing (they're not going to take a loss for the "public good"). WE NEED PUBLIC HOUSING NOW!! Build Build Build: low barrier, public owned, affordable, and, as they keep claiming, the market will take care of the rest.