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While this program was needed during the pandemic it is no longer needed. The law as written during the pandemic did provide help for those truly in need, unfortunately it was also abused by a significant number of tenants looking to get free rent and avoid eviction. Providing a avenue for a tenant to remain in possession of a property while not paying rent and not providing the owner of the property a clear avenue to limit lost rents and or recoup past due rents is not fair to any property owner or to those tenants that do not abuse the system and will result in loss of rental units due to owners, including myself, from keeping or placing properties into the rental pool. If approved, this policy this needs to be accompanied by prompt, clear and definitive timelines for the approval of any assistance and clear penalties for abuse of the process by those tenants that do not qualify for the program. Do not force property owners to accept financial responsibility while not ensuring they are compensated appropriately for the property and time in administering the law.