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My husband and I have worked long hours and scrimped and saved in order to build a portfolio of rentals that supply our income that we raise our family with. During Covid, we couldn't collect rent and couldn't evict non payers - even those with jobs who had no reason to quit paying rent. We lost over \$20,000 in rent and expenses because of this! We were stripped of our income and there were no funds to help us! These renters got away with robbing us - or the government got away with robbing us - however you want to see it. Money that was supposed to help us landlords wasn't equally available. Who is going to compensate us? And now we are supposed to continue giving renters more rights than landlords/property owners? How is this right? Oregon is going downhill.

Continuing to strip us of our protections will only increase the homelessness. Rentals will be sold, investors will go out of state, the rental market will become even more limited. You are punishing the wrong people - we work hard to provide housing, we pay our taxes on the income we make, we aren't faceless corporations with deep pockets. Don't make it even more difficult to protect our investments.

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