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Having been a landlord of single family housing for the past 20 years. I have been a fair and considerate landlord. I rarely increase rent and have long term tenants. My goal is to help my tenants save for a down payment to purchase a home for themselves one day. Often I even sell them the home they rent at a reduced rate since there are no realtor fees.

But as I get older one day, I may move into one of my homes. This should be my right, and I'm willing to give plenty of notice,(even as much as 12 months), but paying my tenants excessive fees to move out seems like an infringement on my rights as a home owner. I disagree with the change in the penalties for a homeowner moving into their own home with adequate notice.

I agree that rent should not be skyrocketing each year in our state. I hear this over and over again from other renters how high rent increases are. I agree with the caps on the increase in this bill.