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Measure: SB611

Our city is in crisis. Drug addicts everywhere. Garbage everywhere. The downtown is gutted. House values going down. Why is the city trying to punish small businesses? We own one rental, and have never made a penny off it in 15 years. Renters have trashed the house, stolen items, and gotten around our "no dogs" rule by falsifying a need for "emotional support animals" who then proceeded to destroy our beautifully restored woodwork. We provided a lovely rental home, reasonably priced, in beautiful condition, adding another option for families in Portland. In return, the city proposes to penalize us by capping rents, and charging us outrageous sums of money if we need to take the house off the rental market for repairs, or want to move back into it ourselves. The result? We will sell our rental to avoid being punished for trying to provide a rental home. This bill will push many landlords out of the rental business, reduce already limited housing options in Portland, and unreasonably penalize small businesses who aren't even making money. This rental was meant to be our retirement, but Portland has become a city people move away from, not to, and the house is losing value every month. Please vote no on SB611.