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I am living this situation right now. My landlords said they wanted the building tentatively and had been pushing the date back. I'd received notice to vacate twice and twice i did as requested. My mother whom I had been housing with me doesn't have any income and so she stayed and I too stayed. I had very few possessions there but my mother's belongings remained. I paid a years worth of storage fees for her until I lost my job last September. The landlords showed up and threw us out with only 5 hours notice. I was at my storage unit and returned to the rental to find doors & windows had been boarded half of my mother's belongings thrown into the street. Literally thrown into the street. They gave her 1000 for each of us and said were lucky. I'm an able bodied hardworking dependable trustworthy person. Yet finding a job to cover the costs of moving just two adults(my mother and myself) has been fruitless. I have had two jobs since September when I lost the stable career. Neither of the sufficient. Not even close. Being a landlord has become a for profit endeavor and it's negative consequences play out in the lives of societies most vulnerable. The tragedy of homelessness and the extremely difficult situations that arise, often are direct results of unaffordable housing. Moving costs are especially detrimental to a society with any inclusive or ethical ideologies as they're beyond the reach of many. 5 weeks my mother and I have been living in our cars. I start a new good job Wednesday. Average 2 br apt 1550.

+ Dep and fees average total to be 3500. At 7 more weeks if I saved every penny. I'd be able to afford a house. That's where we are as a society.