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Why are we not demanding accountability and service level indicators from landlords before we decide that all tenants must pay exorbitant rent increases?

A rent increase shouldn't be a financial reward and reinforcement for poor behavior. Tenants should not be treated like the little guy instead of peers. It's wrong.

Case in point: Our landlord has not responded to multiple requests for maintenance to remediate the crawlspace that lacks a vapor barrier and is vaporizing meth byproducts into our entire home. This has been proven by soil gas and airborne testing.

We have spent thousands of dollars getting testing we know would have not been paid for by our landlord. We have also endured hundreds of doctors visits seeking answers for symptoms such as insidious pain, fecal incontinence, asthma attacks beyond what's normal, memory loss, speech impairments and so much more.

We now head into the legal realm of this matter that has destroyed 4 years of what could have been a joyous experience living in this otherwise fantastic (but old and not updated) home with my family. We've been made sick near daily with pain, migraines, and more.

While this is an extreme example, it illustrates just how destructive and time consuming visible and invisible issues can be. Landlords are not owed more money if they can't meet basic communication requirements and have the skillset to work collaboratively with tenants.

Why should people pay more for a house when the service that is essential to living there is abandoned in so many cases? This lacks humanity and consideration for what is basic commerce.

Sincerely,
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