

I'm writing today to oppose SB 611,

The speed in which this public hearing was scheduled, tell me that this bill will be rubber stamped and passed. With that, I don't want to spend any more time fretting over this bill and all the bills that have already been passed that harm landlords. If you really wanted and cared about public input, go look at the senate public testimony on this bill because you really didn't give enough time or warning of a public hearing.

My husband and myself have all our rentals significantly below market value at this time. The exemptions in this bill isn't fair that developers can charge whatever they want, but it's necessary to keep these developers building units in our state and I understand the reasoning.

Because of all the recent laws that negatively affect landlords, I have kept 2 of my 8 rentals vacant for over two years now. One fixer up house that was purchased to be a rental, sits idle due to these laws and the possibility of further unfair, unbalanced laws. I want out and I'm going to get out of this business. I feel sorry for the moms and pop landlords out there that are struggling to pay their expenses. Many small timers are one bad tenant away from being financially ruined.

This bill doesn't really help anyone in the long run. My fears of future laws will have an impact on my tenants. They will get maximum increases from here on out until the supply and demand limits what I can charge. We are actively preparing to sell what we can and move our money elsewhere. I feel lucky we are retired and able to ride the storm until we get to somewhere and something better.

I know this testimony doesn't have a lot of substance. Frankly I'm just worn out and feel it really doesn't matter. The massive amount of social services agencies in the state can move on a dime to provide written testimony and get their clients to do the same, unlike individual landlords. So this bill no doubt will have a bunch of support. The vote will probably go down party lines so what's the purpose.

I oppose this bill and hope an elected legislative official someday will have the guts to stand up for landlords in this state.

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