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My name is Lori Desjardins and I have been a real estate broker for more than a decade in the Central Oregon area. Before that, my husband and I built semi-custom homes here. Most of our clients and the clients that I see now, are retired and moving to this vacation destination. Please understand that the cost of real estate is simple, it comes down to supply and demand. We are in a huge housing shortage and all the laws in the world, aren't going to change that and bring the cost of housing down. Every law that has been passed in the name of green energy, saving the ozone layer and keeping rents affordable, has done nothing but make home prices and rents, more expensive! If you want to bring home prices and rents down, the market needs to be flooded with homes. Make building permits less expensive or charge on the rear end of construction/sale and bring loan rates down. Yes, I said it! Do the opposite of what the federal government has been doing. Otherwise, we'll all have been taxed so much, that we will all end up in subsidized housing. Then, who will pay taxes? No one will be working, or they'll work for nothing. Maybe that's the plan?

Tell me, why would a landlord want to improve a rental, if they are limited in what they can charge for rent? Oregon will be a state filled with slums. And, just like we saw before the last rent rate limiting bill, landlords that kept their rent down to help their renters, will increase the rent every year. This is a bad bill and it's bad for Oregon!