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My name is Shoshana Petrushkin and I live in Portland. I have worked in the rental housing industry for over 30 years as a single woman owning and operating up to eight four plexuses at a time.

I have personal experience of living in rent controlled buildings. The rent was reasonable but the apartments were slums. The lobbies had an intense smell of urine and the apartment at night, if I had to use the bathroom and I turned on the light, it was like Roach Road rage going up and down the wall. This is not a sustainable way of life.

As a landlady, I consider that I am providing my tenants with their nests, where they rest, where they rejuvenate, build their families, come together with people they care about.

Where they build their lives.

I take great pride in being able to provide affordable, middle income, high quality housing in my community. In my 30+years, I have never evicted a tenant.

I would like to be able to continue to do this for the next 30 years,. This bill will basically make impossible for me to continue this.

Why? My taxes keep going up, the cost of maintenance is going up. It is vital that I can choose who my tenants are so that I will never be in a situation to have to, G-d forbid, evict anyone. If this situation ever did happen, it makes no logical sense that I am responsible for their moving cost.

Thank you for your service to our communities and your consideration of my words.