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Even raising rent up to 10% is too much. But buildings newer than 15 years can raise rent more than that! Please pass Senate Bill 722, to close that loophole.

Rent increases should be the same as the annual rate of inflation each year, and no higher.

One of my closest friends had to move out of her one bedroom apartment because of the sale of the property, and the rent increase. She had to move to a studio apartment.

A neighbor of mine, who lives in a "low income building" in Portland cannot afford the rent anymore. He pays all of his Social Security for rent, and that is not enough, so he was told to move out because he could only pay the amount of his Social Security. He contacted Legal Aid, and they helped him keep his apartment until he can find another apartment. He has one meal a day -- Meals on Wheels -- and I give him food sometimes. He spends every, single, day looking for a place he can afford. He told me yesterday that he has an application in, to two buildings. I hope he gets into one of them soon.

I have a Section 8 voucher so that I can afford to live in my low income building. I have lived here for 22 years. I am fearful that the fascists in the current administration will eliminate Social Security, Section 8, SNAP, Medicare, and Medicaid, and that I might have to live on the street. I get \$1,074 Social Security, which will not be enough to pay my rent here. I also receive all those other benefits.