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I truly believe that this approach will not solve the housing problem and will adversely affect the availability of rental housing. Putting the landlord at risk of losing rent will only backfire in the long run. The available housing will be depleted, more airbnbs will pop up, and nobody wins. The approach needs to be turned around to encourage more rental units to be built. Lower the development fees, encourage home owners to convert garages into apts by offering incentives and low development fees etc. Let's BUILD rather than strangle the housing market. I have always tried to work with applicants that have some struggles in getting housing. If this law passes, why would I take someone that may not be able to keep up rent payments, when there are so many qualified applicants? This will only hurt the people with barriers to finding housing.