

29 January 2023

Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: Senate Bill 799

Dear Chair Senator Jama, Vice-Chair Senator Anderson and members Senators Knopp, Patterson and Sollman;

I am opposed to SB 799 and urge the committee to table it. Why is this continuing intrusion into the private property rights and business affairs of rental property owners needed? Is it because they are providing affordable housing to those who need it? Do sponsors of this bill think rental property owners haven't been dealt quite enough blows already?

Have tenants not been favored enough yet? Why do benefits to tenants flow out of the legislature like water through a sieve while getting any benefits to rental property owners or at least stopping more meddling in their private business is more like pulling teeth?

Where is the much ballyhooed *equity* in this picture?

This legislation is not needed. SB 799 only drives more wedges between rental housing providers and the tenants they serve and does nothing to foster good will between legislators and business operators in the rental housing business.

As time passes I am less and less inclined to believe or trust that the state has rental property owners in mind when they come up with yet more ways to "manage" privately owned property.

SB 799 is yet more uncalled for meddling by the state in private business.

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This legislation is not needed. SB 799 only drives more wedges between rental housing providers and the tenants they serve. I urge this committee to table this bill.

Sincerely,



Richard Wisner