

27 March 2023

Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: Senate Bill 611

Dear Chair Senator Jama, Vice-Chair Senator Anderson, and members of the Committee;

.... and it's an emergency no less! I'm beginning to think the sponsors and supporters of this piece of legislation have lost touch with the greater world outside the hallowed halls of our legislature. Apparently they think small operations by retired mom & pop outfits – like my wife and I—can survive a constant whittling away at our incomes. As if the cost of maintaining a rental house is negligible. Apparently that doesn't fit into the world view of SB 611 sponsors.

What in the world are these sponsors thinking? Apparently it's beyond their comprehension that there can be valid reasons for terminating a tenancy. Seems there are valid reasons for terminating everything else in the world. Everything but rental agreements I guess, eh?

It's almost as if they believe that with just the correct legislative action, with just a little tweak to private property and contractual obligations they can make life fair and just for everyone.

SB 611, as so many bills over the last couple of years revolving around rental tenants and rental property providers again assumes that landlords are the bad guys. Just why are tenants in so much need of protection and the ones who are providing their housing are not?

The way rental property owners are now being treated is ludicrous. But then as usual, the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Ha... going on 73 years living here in the great state of Oregon and we've come to this.

The Committee should promptly put this bill where it belongs. In the trash.

Sincerely,

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