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Testimony for no cause eviction hearing

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I am here today to speak on the behalf of my tenants, their families and the homeless population.

Managing a low income complex 50% comprised of individuals on some form of housing assistance. Many of these individuals having special needs, physically or mentally challenged, and elberly.

You often deal with disruptive behaviors that will not fit well with the general population, some unable to maintain a clean standard of living by a normal definition others creating damage or extreme wear and tear not normal to everyday use.

When I met one particular Tenant they had no eye contact and were un able to communicate their Guardian was there to speak on their behalf and informed me they were bipolar and gone off their medication. This Guardian had spent their entire day cleaning this tenants unit trying to return it to a somewhat acceptable condition.

Words were spoken to me that day that will forever affect my life.

Someday I will get my sister back

Unfortunately before 6 am this tenant chose to knock on doors requesting items and getting belligerent when their wishes were not granted.

numerous complaints, repetitive occurrences I had to ask the tenant to leave. Because I had developed a good working relationship with the guardian we were able to resolve the issue quickly.

About a year later I found out that upon leaving the complex they were able to convince their sister to seek help, stabilizing her life, thankfully she was able to retain their voucher enabling her secure a new housing.

This is just one of many individuals facing the same or similar types of challenges due to circumstances that at times are beyond their control.

Eliminating the no cause notice can be very detrimental to these individuals. It will also have a negative impact on high risk individuals such as homeless trying to enter into stable housing.

I as a landlord would like to have the flexibility to compassionately release these individuals without damaging their rental history

the no cause notice is the least invasive form of eviction action to remove a tenant that is not working out.

You would be creating a situation that makes landlords less likely to take a chance on such individuals most in need of our compassion

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to share this story and speak on behalf of the population of tenants with special circumstances.

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