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Dear Senator Gelser,

I wanted to send a note to express my support for the bill that makes no-cause evictions illegal.

I also wanted to share a story about why I personally support this legislation:

I am a college graduate and small business owner in Salem (97303) and have been a renter all my life. A decade ago, I was renting a cute cottage on High St (near Bush Park). One day, my landlord entered the house in my absence without notification or consent. The law at the time stated tenants should receive a 24-hour notice for any visit to the property.

When I arrived in the middle of his visit, I expressed my outrage at the violation. He retaliated and told me to move out.

While I wholeheartedly respect the rights of property owners, renters always feel some level of insecurity and unease. A landlord can decide to terminate the contract at any time, making tenants vulnerable and willing to tolerate code violations like I did.

Making it illegal to evict someone for no cause gives renters a more protection in this unequal power dynamic. I fully and wholeheartedly support this legislation.

Please feel free to reach me if you have any questions. Thank you!

Warmly,
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