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I oppose the passage of SB 1533. Our small pool of rental property is our retirement money. It is unfair for renters to be given funds for legal action against landlords. My husband and I depend on our rentals to provide the money for our basic needs. We have to pay mortgages on our properties, insurance, property taxes and needed repairs. We would be placed in the same financial position as renters if we had to go court. Many landlords, ourselves included, are selling their rental properties because of the government interference and additional financial burdens placed on us by the passage of new laws. This is causing rents and fees to be increased and a reduction of homes for rent, It also has created a new group of homeless. These are the people who have jobs, but cannot afford the high rents or fees and those who have prior evictions or bankruptcies. No one will take a chance on these people because there are so many people looking for a place to rent. The passage of this bill will have consequences negatively affecting renters, increased rent to cover new taxes for this funding and a decrease in available property. Landlords are not the solution to the housing and homeless crisis. By passing this Senate Bill, you will make these issues worse.

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