

My name is Francis Price. I live in Salem.

I am oppose to this SB 282-1. Let me state the facts: My mother and were living in a tiny apartment so I could attend Western Oregon University. We were in a two bedroom with one bathroom apartment just a few months ago. That living situation was very hard for me and my mother because we both can't drive due to our disabilities. We walked for about an hour to grocery store just to get food until she broke her foot by helping someone.

When I was done with college, my mother and I tried to come home to Salem into our own property. So, she notified the manager. My mother told the manager "We are coming home to Salem. Let me know if we have any vacancy but do not do eviction for us because we don't want people to end up homeless if they are doing the best they can."

Meanwhile, while we were waiting for our property to be available, we were looking for a bigger apartment, every time I walked out my apartment door, I heard tenants mocking the Landlord "Ha Ha, I am not paying my rent and you can't do anything about it, you can't touch me, I am protected," these are facts. I wish I tape recorded it.

I told my mother "I don't want to be a landlord." Yes, there are bad tenants and there are also good tenants. I am a good tenant. Life is hard especially with this pandemic but let's prioritize our expenses. After I pay my rent and after I buy groceries, I only have a few cents leftover. I am grateful for my few cents, rather than on the street for being homeless.

Yes, I am with allowing a family member to live with the residents, as long as they don't destroy the unit because repairs can be very costly. I understand why landlords are against another family moving in together, it's because they destroy properties. These are facts, my mother is a very compassionate landlord. She allowed two families living together, but in the end, she ended up spending a lot of money on repairs. When she didn't have the money for repairs, she did the repairs herself and I had to help her.

Yes, I am with tenants credit history protection as long as tenants are trying to do their best and not just taking advantage of the system. I was once homeless with my mother due to "no money and no credit scores." We were fleeing from my abusive father.

Tenants and landlords should work together and not against each other. Tenants should notify the landlords if they know that they're going to be late on paying RENT. I am a responsible tenant because my mother taught me to be responsible. If you allow tenants not to pay rent, what is that teaching them? If they don't really have the money to pay rent due to losing a job because of this pandemic, give them rental assistance and teach them to be responsible by prioritizing their expenses.

We are all in crisis, don't help one, then destroy the other. Let's consider the Bible principles, "Luke 6:31 Treat others the same way you would like to be treated." Thank you.