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Many of us are small time landlords with only a few rentals. Personally, we only have 3 rentals and all my rents are at least 400 to 500 belong market. I don't like to gouge my renters but I also realize this would make it very difficult for me to pay my mortgages and sustain my rental business if this bill is passed. This would lead me to selling my rental houses and diminishing the affordable rental houses available.

These days our public officials keep passing bills that put the landlords in worse and worse situations. You want to limit our screening, make us pay moving costs, bear the burden of people who aren't paying rents without any support until state assistance comes through if indeed it ever does. We should learn from the hardships of the pandemic.

We are past those times. People are not returning to work while employers are begging for employees. This bill will not motivate people to return to work. Quite the opposite as seen during the pandemic. Many people didn't pay their rent, spent their money on new cars, etc then moved when the safe harbor period expired.

Why can't our public officials create a more collaborative environment with our city's landlords and renters instead of a one-sided solution that makes the landlords bear the brunt of our social and housing challenges?