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On Behalf Of:

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I stand in opposition to the proposal of giving tenants the 60 days if they attain a letter saying they are getting help to pay their rent. I suffer six months of lost rent from a tenant because the agency said they were going to pay the rent on their behalf. To which the agency ran out of money and told me they were not going to pay the rent as promised. If you can guarantee the payment without any loop-holes that is fine but I don't think you are able to do so. I make my living by having rental properties, just as you expect to get paid for doing your job by working, I am no different than I should not have to be discriminated against because I am a landlord. For your information, the harder you make it to evict tenants that violate the rental agreements, landlords will not be that willing to take a chance on borderline applicants, thereby you will make it harder for them to find housing.

Besides you need to take into account that in multi-unit complexes other occupants are negatively affected by the bad behavior of the tenants that violate the rules and regulations of the rental agreement to wish others are not able to have peace and quite and enjoyment of their unit.