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I have been a landlord for 20 years and we exclusively rent to low income, and when we do raise rent, which is very rare (and are always under the allowable amount anyway). So it seems like we are trying to solve the problem by punishing the landlords. This continually pushes landlords to the edge to get out of the rental business all-together. Instead of ways of hamstringing landlords who provide these places to live, why don't you include them in decision making processes and find out what it is really like to be a landlord. The current laws and changes make it hard or almost impossible to rent to people who need it the most. With inflation and upkeep, maintenance, overhead, taxes, increased utilities, and continual government interference, no wonder rental prices continue to increase. Reduce regulation and increase landlord incentives, you will then have a glut of available housing. That is how it used to be before government interference without bringing landlords to the table to come up with a viable solution. I AM ONE OF THOSE LANDLORDS WHO IS WILLING TO MEET AND DISCUSS REASONABLE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL NOT ONLY GIVE LANDLORDS SOME REPRIEVE, BUT CREATE PLENTY OF PRIVATE, AVAILABLE HOMES. We are not the "bad guys" but provide an important service to the community.