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So we've recently passed laws that make it difficult for people to be homeless on the streets, cleared away camps, and already have a hard time getting people into shelters. So the next genius idea is to make it even easier for landlords to evict tenants who actually have rentals who are likely living paycheck to paycheck and may have to pay rent late sometimes? I am a disabled individual who won SSDI but has not gotten paid the right amount for about 6 months— I get \$80 a month because of an error that is taking months to be fixed and guess what? I needed time to get help from agencies just to be told they have no funds, my family is also broke or unable to help, and thankfully eventually stumbled on OHP/CSC who got me help because I am disabled and unable to work. I couldn't pay anything for 2 months. The fact that SSDI or any agency expects disabled people to just somehow exist why we wait has led me to be late several times but always ended up being able to pay. Why are you trying to introduce bills that will make people more likely to face homelessness? We can't get ahead long enough to afford to pay these ridiculously high rental prices, while some of us slave away at unlivable wages or people like me who rely on the federal government (that I paid into) to care for me when in desperate need— AND THEY DON'T. So now I am going to be facing eviction even easier while I wait helplessly? It's not like people don't want to pay for their rent. However, it baffles me that people want to introduce bills that make it even easier to throw us out on the streets. This is ridiculous.