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To whom it may concern:

My husband and I are landlords in a small way. We operate three doors as rentals. We also have three mortgages that match those doors and a growing family of our own. We have bills to pay and mouths to feed. Tenants that don't stick to their agreed upon commitments to pay and follow the rules should not be giving all of the privileges that they get. We are hardworking landlords with highs and lows in our own businesses. We volunteer in our kids' schools and communities. We give funds to causes that are important to us and others in our community and sometimes we are paycheck to paycheck and allowing bad tenants to remain could cause us to miss mortgage payments and cause the sale of our rentals which would mean less housing for renters. Us landlords need more protection and fair rules. The pendulum has swung too far. If renters don't pay they need to go. The bank would slap our hands in a big way if we didn't pay our mortgage. There is not one good reason why the tenants shouldn't also have severe consequences. If they don't have the funds they need to find a nonprofit or gov solution for it. Landlords aren't set up to not have our bills paid.