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I am paying 2 special assessments to cover my share of the reskinning of my condo building back in 2016. We did a settlement with the developer but it didn't come close to covering the entire cost. We had to replace all the siding and layers all the way to the outside of the interior wall. Framing timbers had to be replaced. Windows and balcony doors had to be replaced.

At the time I bought the condo, the board at the time was already of a mind to sue the developer but did not tell me. The developer also was resistant to doing real repairs. The inferior repairs the developer did bother to do never lasted.

Rain water poured in over the tops of my windows for years, leaked in through walls, leaked in through the ceiling, and once poured down around a sprinkler in my bedroom ceiling.

I felt like I'd walked into a buzzsaw.

I would have a hell of a lot more money if it hadn't been devoured by these special assessments and other one-time assessments that covered immediate short term repairs. The dues are about double what they were when I moved in. There were legal fees to pay and we had to give part of our settlement to the lawyers because it was the only way we could afford the lawyers.

These developers are a devastation upon people's lives.

You do not need to weaken the barely there protections that owners have fought hard to get in order to build more affordable housing. That's the goal right? The wealthy will never lack for housing. If the state of Oregon wants more affordable housing then pay to build that affordable housing. You don't need to make lives harder.

Sincerely, Anna Gorman