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Hello Joan,

We as landlords of 8 apartments in Burlington are against this change. It is our responsibility to keep our tenants safe, and the only way to do this is to be able to do quick evictions and/or non renewal of leases.

Our past experience;

-A section 8 tenant was lighting fires in our hallway trying to burn down the building. We could not get her arrested, nor quickly evict her. So.... we asked other tenants to move to safety (even offering our own home). We said we'd let them know when she left, or burned the building down. It took months for her to leave.

-A tenant was having loud late night parties, with people climbing out to the fire escape to hang out on. Nothing could be done, eventually they burned the entire apartment, completely gutting it. Firemen saved the other apartments with only smoke damage.

What if you tell a tenant no animals allowed, and they bring in a dog? We still have to renew their lease? What if the dog is violent, a biter?

What if the tenant is most likely selling drugs, with continual late night traffic in the building? Still have to renew their lease?

Please give landlords the ability to protect our buildings and tenants.

Thank you,

Deb & Tom Miller  
Miller Properties  
Miller North Properties

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