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Dear Joan Shannon,

I encourage you to vote against the change in language in the ordinance for no cause evictions.

I own 8 rental units in Burlington.

I feel that as the owner of a property it should be my right to renew a lease or not. I am the owner of the property. I am allowing the tenant to use the property in return for money, and we both agree to a term. Why should the tenant be allowed to change the terms of a legal contract?

The tenant signs the contract agreeing that both parties can choose to renew or not to renew at the end. If I follow the terms of the agreement and give the tenant proper notice of non-renewal as both parties agreed to, then the tenant should not be able to change their minds and change the terms of the contract.

Legal contracts are binding. The tenant and the landlord have equal rights as far as the contract goes.

The tenant can give notice and leave, and the landlord can give notice to end the lease. What if the landlord could say to the tenant, no, you cannot leave, you have to stay and keep paying this lease payment until I tell you it's over?

Please vote against this unfair new language.

Joan Parker

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