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Hello,

I received an email today from a member of VT Landlords Association (of which I am not a member) alerting me to proposed charter changes related to no-cause evictions.

I'm a small landlord: I own one property, two rental units total, and I live in the third unit. I've never attempted to evict anyone. I've allowed tenants to leave their leases early each time they've requested it, without penalty. Rent increases, both annual and at tenant turnover, are reasonable.

Ideally, my tenants would rent my apartments long-term. It's best for me as a landlord.

However, I also have family in the area who have occasionally rented from me. I feel strongly that I should be able to replace a tenant at the end of their lease term, assuming I give adequate notification of non-renewal. This proposed regulation would eliminate the option for me to replace a tenant with a family member.

This change feels oppressive to me as a property owner and landlord. Please focus your attention on the problem landlords in Burlington instead of making changes that will adversely affect small-time landlords like me.

Thank you.

Lisa Hughes

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