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**Subject:** Tenant laws charter change comment

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Hello,

I have a comment regarding the proposed Charter Change for Act No.298, new section 48(66), restricting evictions without "just cause." I am specifically writing in opposition to the language, "...while just cause may exclude (a) expiration of rental agreements..."

My wife and I rented in Burlington for many years and support tenants' rights and progressive solutions. We currently own a house with an upstairs apartment that we rent out. We have two young children.

My concern is that, as written, the change would not allow us to end an agreement with a tenant at a date that is mutually agreed upon when the lease is signed. If an end date is agreed upon, it does not seem reasonable for the tenant to be able to stay in our house indefinitely with no ability for us to ask them to move on. I can imagine a situation where we are uncomfortable with a tenant in our home, near our children, but with no path to change tenants when the mutually agreed lease end date arrives.

I urge you to please \*include\* the mutually agreed expiration of a signed rental agreement as a "just cause." Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matthew Vaughan

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