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I oppose LD 45 as it will impose an undue financial burden on the already expensive & time consuming process of just eviction. Frivolous, untimely, and undocumented retaliation claims undermine the serious nature in which these issues need to be addressed. Failure by either the tenant OR the

in which these issues need to be addressed. Failure by either the tenant OR the landlord to document any failure to uphold the responsibilities outlined in the rental agreement demonstrates a disregard to the contract. To do so "after the fact" sets a concerning precedent.

If a tenant is going to claim retaliatory eviction, then they must demonstrate that they asserted their rights about a concern prior to being served an eviction notice. How can a landlord be retaliating against an assertion of rights if there is no evidence that rights had been asserted?