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In the example of the So. Portland Redbank. Didn't the testimony say they got a 45 day notice of a rent increase to take place (within the parameters of the law) but were asked to RESPOND whether they would accept that? If so I don't know how this would address this as they wouldn't be whistleblowers in that case because they got the 45 day notice.