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Dear Legislators:

My name is Tim Robinson and I am a owner-occupied housing provider. I recently went through a Forcible Entry and Detainer Action due to a lease breach (i.e., smoking, nonpayment of rent, disturbing other tenants). It was a nightmare, cost me the better part of 10,000 dollars, and I was running on nervous energy for several weeks. As the law stands, and despite an undeniable an blatant breach of contract, the action took four months to resolve.

It is hard to imagine how anyone would be willing to provide housing for folks with even greater bureaucratic restrictions. Corporate entities excluded, we are generally caring, honest, and responsible people. My wife and I taught school for over fifty years. I am an active member of the local church and serve on the Parish Council. Additionally, I do not see the logical nexus between denying property rights, namely the right to exclude, and rental registration.

In 2008, a NYT's sport-related article researched why goalkeepers anticipated and lunged (right or left) when attempting to stop penalty kicks. Replays show that a solid majority of kicks go to the center of the goal and are stoppable. After several interviews their reasoning can be summed up like this, " I'm a professional, I am getting paid to do something, and although I would save a higher percentage of shots by holding my ground, it looks better if I dive."

In closing, please consider helping housing providers offer more livable units by providing incentives and assistance instead of roadblocks?

Dr, Tim Robinson