

May 14, 2025

Opposition to LD 365

Honorable Members of the Housing and Economic Development Committee

Please consider all of the families that have worked for generations to build our companies, which are sometimes rather sophisticated and run like little cities. You are systematically trying to remove what we all thought would be generational legacies that we could continue to make an honest living working at. We are called upon in the middle of the night, often work seven days a week, and occasionally are called in on holidays to show up and solve issues that may arise unexpectedly.

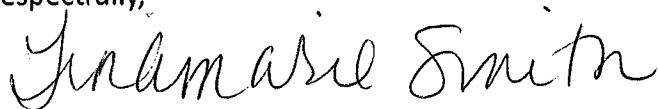
I consider all of the legislation that has been unleashed in the past few years upon us to be extremely one sided and I do not believe that in the United State of America this should be allowed to happen. Our residents are considered an extension of our family, and we treat them as such. To paint us with the same brush as the large REITS and bad actors is completely untenable and I believe it to be an unconstitutional TAKING of business owners rights.

The residents of ROC communities pay to have services that we include in our rental fees and they often are charged more because they are obligated to hire outside companies rather than employees that are experts in their field and can accomplish the tasks needed in a timely and affordable manner.

It is often mentioned that we are unsubsidized affordable housing but you must realize that our family makes sacrifices and thinks long and hard before any rent increases are imposed. You are taking away our ability to do the work that we have done our entire lives and making it impossible for us and others to remain in this struggling business model that we want to be in.

Please consider all interested parties when passing legislation that may not apply fairly to all of us. I hope that you will offer us the same consideration that you have afforded to ROC. Please vote against this emergency bill which has been created by unsubstantiated hysteria. FOLLOW THE MONEY and ask ROC how their business model operates—in detail-- please.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tinamarie Smith". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

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