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Comment:

My husband and I became landlords to spruce up a few of the houses in our small town and be a part of making the town a beautiful place that people want to raise their families in. We provide nice, safe homes at an affordable cost to those who cannot buy or who do not want to buy a home. We should not have to stand by while tenants live in our houses that we worked our butts off to buy and maintain for months or more not paying rent. SO many people took advantage of the eviction memorandum during Covid which made many small landlords have to sell their rentals. I even met a landlord that had to sell her own personal home because her rentals were paying her home mortgage and all of her tenants were not paying. Her bank didn't care that her tenants weren't paying... she was going to lose her home! Not many people can afford to pay multiple mortgages, taxes, insurance, etc.

If the government wants to allow people to live in houses for free, they should start building more government housing and not put that on small time landlords, who are normal people who have worked their hands to the bones to buy one house at a time to help their future. Whether it be buying a house so your college age student can live somewhere "cheap" while the roommates pay the mortgage on that house for you. Or like us, we purchased some duplex's as a package deal so we can put that money away for our children's college.. then hopefully have some "play" money when the time comes for us to retire. We are not going to "get rich" as landlords because we provide our homes at a very affordable rate and we put a LOT of the money back into these houses to keep them looking nice.

We are normal, every day people who are trying to better our lives, and allowing tenants to live in our homes for FREE is absolutely ridiculous. NO ONE should have to allow someone to live in their home for free. Please do not keep these delays in the court system. Allow landlords to evict and evict quickly if needed.