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From: Chris Smith <smitty@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 12:52 PM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: RE: Recent proposed Bills regarding Landlords & Tenants

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Hi Roberta,

I'm opposed to the following bills
H5108, 5109, 5048, 5225, 5362, 5376, & S0135.

I'm not sure who I can speak to to get a point across, my Rep. is Henries and she either directly supports or co-sponsors much of these.

There are some landlords that need to be held accountable. What I don't understand why legislation has to be so broad and go after those of us who actually take care of our property(ies)?
The group that is helping to sponsor this legislation is known as the Providence organization of workers (POWR). They can be found through a simple Google search. They hold the belief that no one should own rental property. All landlords are evil fat cats out to exploit their tenants. They believe landlordism should be illegal and all property should all be held through some kind of tenant Communal Trust.

One of the bills wants to prohibit a landlord from seeing anyone's criminal background. H5376

What if the applicant has been convicted of attempted murder or a sex crime... is a pedophile for example and has now been released?

What if one of my other tenants in the same multi-family is a single female and/or has young children?

I'm not saying if someone has paid their debt to society they shouldn't have somewhere to live, but maybe the onus is on the state to create more housing rather than forcing a bunch of unfair rules onto landlords.

Any bills limiting the viewing of credit history or previous evictions should be dismissed. I've been a landlord for almost 20 years, most of us want good, non destructive tenants. There are people out there that will destroy property and know there is little to no recourse for a landlord to get the money from them to make repairs for the damage they've caused. The security deposit of one month's rent doesn't ever come close to covering the amount of damage that can be done by an unruly tenant.

What might make more sense is to go after the "slumlords" I'm sure the legislative body could come up with a set of rules to go after repeat offenders and out of state landlords that simply do not take care of their property. Fines up and including maybe even forfeiture of the property would be okay with me.

hoping this falls in good ears

Regards,
Christopher L. Smith

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On Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 3:26 PM, House Judiciary Committee
<HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov> wrote:

Chris:

Please let me know what bill number your testimony applies to so that I can enter it as testimony.

Thank you,

Roberta

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From: Chris Smith <smitdy@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Recent proposed Bills regarding Landlords & Tenants

Does the house Judiciary Committee know that they are hearing bills from a bunch of marxist/ socialists?



POWR

August 15, 2022 at 2:41 PM · 🌐



We believe everyone should have a home and their houses should be managed by the residents & community members themselves!



POWR

August 15, 2022 at 12:25 PM · 🌐



For a world without rent, for a world without landlordism!





POWR

July 25, 2022 at 9:19 PM · 🌐



Local landlords minds are blown 🤯 housing is a human right! Unionize for a world without rent! Socialize housing under resident management and control! Abolish landlordism! Smash capitalism!

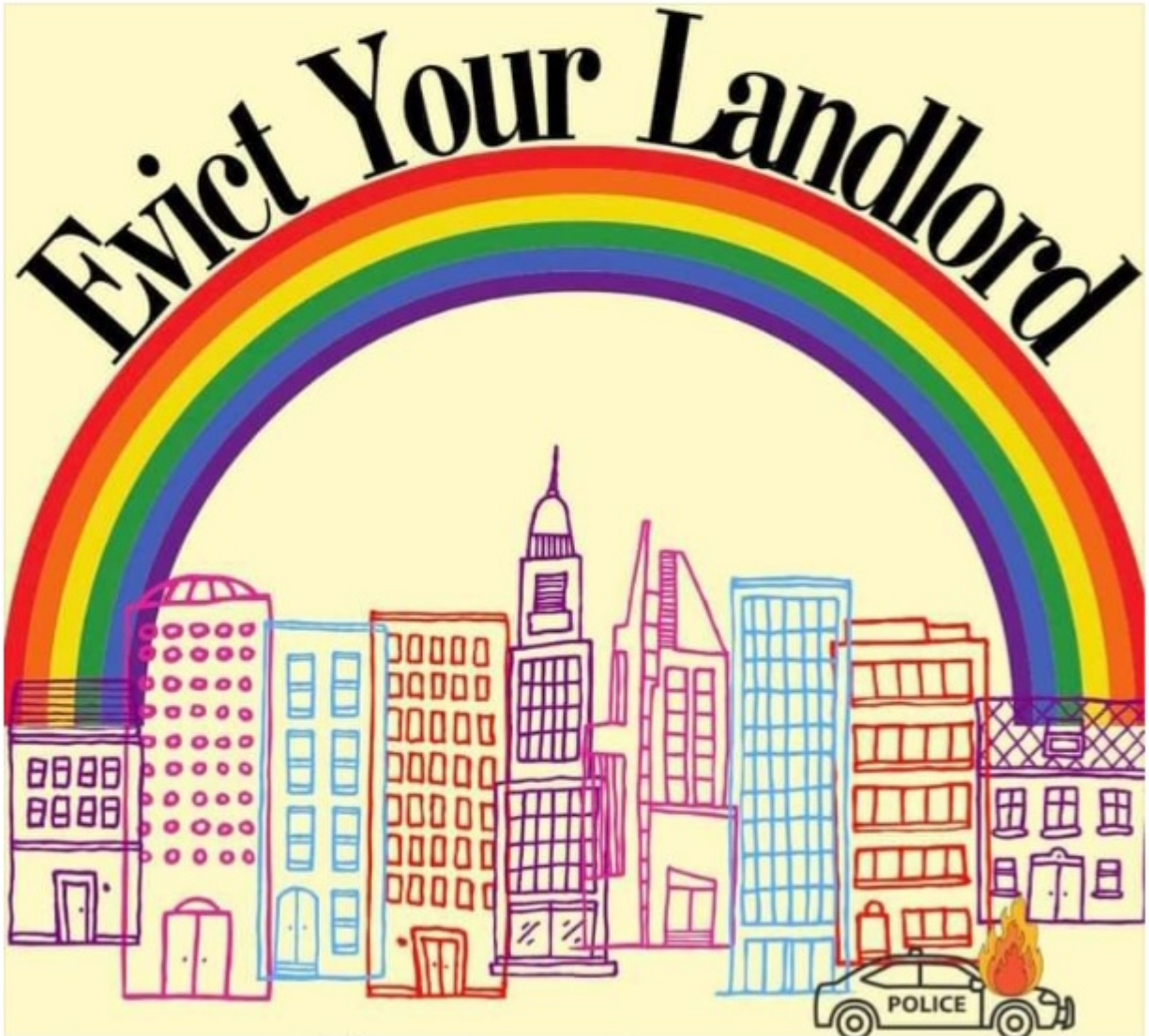


POWR

June 10, 2022 at 11:38 AM · 🌐



Happy Pride Month!! Abolish landlordism!





POWR

April 30, 2022 at 8:12 AM · 🌐



**Rhode Island Coalition of
Housing Providers and
landlords in general we will
find each and every one of
you if you try to come and
comment on our page. We
don't care what you have to
say. This is class war!**



POWR

April 24, 2022 at 3:51 PM · 🌐



A world without rent is a simple concept really, we believe in homes for all. Community ownership of housing. Abolishing landlordism for good, whether public or private.





POWR

April 24, 2022 at 9:47 AM · 



**Hey Rhode Island
Coalition of Housing
Providers**

**Repeat after me:
This is class war &
tenants will win!
Socialize all housing!
Screenshot that 😊**

But we all know that...



Landlording is not employment income, it is investment income. If you rely on stealing your tenant's labour value (through rent) to survive, you are a societal parasite. Being a landlord is not a job.



POWR

Hate to break it to you but being a landlord is not a job Rhode Island Coalition of Housing Providers

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20 hrs · 



If you broadly agree get in touch! We are fighting for a world without landlords and bosses! For a truly free humane and just community!

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