

## SB 282 Vote Explanation

I voted no on SB 282, finding that SB 330 would be a better solution, providing debt forgiveness to renters and some financial incentive for business owners. The government allowing tenants to not pay rent, regardless of whether they lost their income or not, puts an unfair burden on many landlords. This is a government taking and the people who have been forced by government to provide free service, and free use of their private property should be reimbursed by the government. The hole our government started to dig for landlords last summer, by allowing anyone not to pay their rent, will ultimately lead to a reduction of rental housing available in the state. Meanwhile, it will force landlords to try and make up for the delinquent rent by increasing lease renewal rates to the maximum legally allowed and encouraging higher move-in and other fees. The landlords were not given a moratorium on the payment of their expenses, their mortgages, their insurance, their property taxes, their utilities, etc. and government interfering with their ability to collect the income to offset these expenses has created problems. Let's create a real solution that helps people stay housed, while not leaving the landlords shouldering all of the burden: especially the small "ma and pa" landlords who not only have unabated expenses but are also relying on the rental income to live. SB 330 would've been a better choice!

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