

Alie Pentecost Public Comment

My name is Aliesha Comfort and it was suggest to me by Leeor Schweitzer of the PTU and AOC that I reach out to you in order to share my story with you and anyone else that might be willing to listen as my story is becoming to common yet not discussed to create change. I will try to keep this email brief but it is difficult due to the amount of issues that I have had to endure by an abusive, immoral and unjust landlord. Basically I was wrongfully evicted after false line items and fees were generated by a property manager that just flat out didn't like me. Also, the increase in rent without notice that had real suspicious timing considering the amount of damage their negligence caused to my personal property as well as the damage in caused to the property I was renting that they refused to acknowledge or clean etc. From day 1, no one could get a copy of the lease even if we offered to pay for it. The only ledger I was able to obtain was a joke and held no value. If we requested these items we were threatened with homelessness. Not eviction, but homelessness as if she really enjoyed that type of thing. I have lost 3 roommates that could no longer handle the abuse and the constant harassment and intrusions that they would inflict upon us. Using my driveway for campaigning without notice, constant 24hour inspection notices but would rarely show and never give us a heads up that they canceled. Most of the time they would show up 2 or 3 days later, let themselves into our home and scream if we tried to contest by exercising our rights. Never fixing anything they addressed during these intrusive walk thrus such as the excessive mold damage or the lack of smoke detectors. Raising rent without notice. Making false line items to file for eviction of nonpayment for things that I did not owe for. All based on lies and then refusing to accept rent without paying the extra false charges or increased rent. Lack of Maintenance and repair. I've lost 2 jobs due to the amount of time I had to take off of work to try to obtain legal cousin which without a lease or Ledger I couldn't do. I've literally lost everything and for no real reason. I've done nothing to deserve any of this and here I am homeless, exhausted financially, unemployed and hopeless. After everything I have endured the past 2 years, I'm no longer even the same person I once was. My anxiety is at such high levels there are days that simple tasks become to much for me to handle. I'm depressed and angry. And somehow this is acceptable behavior for a landlord and I can no longer not speak up. There is am abuse in power here and it's disgusting. I was a normal person with a normal job that paid my bills and went to work everyday... now I'm homeless.

I think that there are a couple things that I would really like to emphasize with my experience here is this...

1. My landlord knew that withholding my lease and ledger I would be up a creek if we ever went to court. This was on purpose and it was acceptable to the court.
2. When I went to court, I felt hopeless. I had 17 lawyers tell me that without a lease or Ledger I had no case but I went anyways hoping that having right on my side would matter but no confidence. Before trial had started, the judge had asked us to take a few minutes outside to see if we could reach an agreement. This consisted of me feeling hopeless, my landlord who had bullied me for 2 years and my bullies lawyer In a hallway with no one else around. At this point, the lawyer let me have a copy of the ledger which showed that I was right. It proved everything I needed for legal assistance so when I was basically pushed into signing an agreement that I didn't understand and under false pretense I thought

that it would be a great way to buy some time, then I'd have a lawyer to straighten this whole mess out. The landlords lawyer told me that if I broke the deal I would end up in the same position. In trial with a possible eviction. I didn't know I was signing an unbreakable contract that would leave me worse off than I started.

Why anyone would think that it would be a good idea to send a tenant, their bully and their lawyer into a private hallway for mediation? This to me is just irresponsible. The fact that I can now prove that she blatantly lied didn't matter when I appealed. It just proved to me that the whole thing was predetermined and I never stood a chance.

Please share and please reach out if there is anything else I can do.

Also, would it be possible to attend this meeting? I'm just curious how these things go.