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Chairman: Brandon Mcgee
Committee member

Bill HB5685 - Rent control.

My name is Daisy Franklin. I lived at 82 south main street for 11 years. I moved to 2 Goodrow street, 2nd apt east Norwalk, I have lived here for two years now.

I moved from 82 south main because my landlord was doing a complete renovation. He then told me that after the completion of the apartment I would not be able to move back in because he was going to raise the rent higher than a section 8 tenants could afford. Because of no rent control he could raise his rent as high as he wanted. This happened to me, and I know of other residents who also had to deal with a landlord raising the rent up so high that they too had to move. Most choose to move out of Norwalk. And because of no control in the rent land lords are doing what they have done in New York. Raising the rent so high is one of the reasons the people from New York are moving to Norwalk and traveling back and forth to New York .

Living here in east Norwalk I'm hearing neighbors talk of their taxes are getting higher. Property taxes and finding it difficult to pay so you have people moving out of state. Even a person who benefits from the program that Norwalk housing has, which helps a resident buy a house will find them selves moving out of Norwalk. Some go to Bridgeport but Bridgeport is also changing and will be soon chasing the little man to another city. I really feel we should support the bill HB5685 we need rent control. We have people out of work and covid had not helped at all. When there is rent control. It works as an anti-displacement tool, helping to keep renters in the community in their homes are less likely to move out. A renter is also a voter. We need your help and protection please use the tool of rent control.

Thank you for your time Mr.Chairman and committee.

Sincerely,
Daisy Franklin

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