

## Talking Points for Take Action Tuesday

Since our local politicians' heavy-handed actions show that they do not care about the pain and suffering that they are causing housing providers, let's reframe our talking points to appeal to what they do care about (tenants!). Please think of all the ways that tenants benefit from a healthy rent control-free environment. Here's a list of ways that their current protections actually hurt tenants:

- The answer for people impacted by Covid is rent relief - NOT EVICTION BANS or rent freezes. Those policies reduce the availability of rental units.
- Eviction bans encourage non-payment of rent and more debt for residents. Stop setting tenants up for financial hardship!
- Bans are unfair for those residents who have worked hard to pay their rent. They continue to pay the rent while watching their non-paying neighbors come home from a vacation with a new BMW! Unfair!
- Providing housing is a business. They are destroying these small businesses, which in turn weakens the communities that are a part of. Stop weakening my community.