

My name is Tami No Heart and I have been living in Bismarck for over 15 years. I am 60 years old and disabled. Bismarck is my home. I pay my bills on time and I am not a criminal. I urge you to issue a "do pass" on HB1440.

This legislation would protect North Dakota renters from potential excessive late fees, eviction, and homelessness. This legislation is important to me because I am being affected by this right now in my current housing situation. I have never had this problem before.

My apartment had a fire and we were told to relocate and introduced to new landlords and I was not given a new lease to sign. There was a mass confusion because of the disaster I was in and didn't understand. When the fire happened, I didn't know what to do and thought I needed to find my own place to live.

The St. Vincent Church helped me pay my past due rent so I could move. RJR applied the money that St. Vincent Church paid to my fees and not my rent so it looked like I owed rent, even though that money was supposed to go to my rent. I am on housing assistance and I receive disability income. I need to keep my housing voucher so I can have a place to live. I am afraid of being homeless because I don't even have a car to live in.

Please pass this bill to protect people like me.