

Sample letter to legislators: No Cause Eviction

<p>Put both your address and the address of the Legislator you are writing at the top of your letter.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Your Name Your Address City, State Zip Date</p> <p>Legislator's Name State Capitol Salem, OR 97310</p>
<p>Describe your problem. Tell your own, personal story.</p>	<p>Dear (Senator or Representative) <i>Name of Legislator,</i></p> <p>I am a tenant in your district concerned with the stability of my housing. I recently received a notice that said I had to move out of my home. The notice gave me no reason for forcing me to move, and it gave me only 30 days. It is very difficult to get together the money to pay move-in costs, and to find a new place, in only one month. <i>(Add more personal details here. It is important for us to share the impact no-cause evictions have on us and our families. Will you be able to find another affordable place in your neighborhood? Will your children be forced to switch schools? Will you be forced to move far from your employment? How will you pay for the cost of moving? Will you be forced to forgo other things to pay for cost of moving into a new place?)</i></p>
<p>Tell your legislator what you want them to do.</p> <p>If you live in the district of the Legislator you are writing, be sure to say so. And always ask for a response.</p>	<p>As your constituent, I ask you to look at and challenge the injustice that tenants face and to respond to the huge shortage of affordable housing in our community. The state must find ways to protect renters from unfair evictions. The state must also do its part to address the affordable housing crisis, and support the efforts of local governments to create more affordable housing.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me at <i>(your phone number or the above address)</i> or the Community Alliance of Tenants to learn more about renters' rights issues.</p>
<p>Sign your letter.</p>	<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>(your name here)</p>