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House Finance Committee

**RE: SUPPORT H7225 Article 3 Section 17**

Members of the House Finance Committee this is to support H7225 Article 3 Section 17. Without this bill it will be more expensive for small mom and pop landlords who provide the bulk of unsubsidized affordable units. We have owned our units for many years and have long term tenants who are not paying market rents. We will have to raise our rents if this bill is not passed. We will not see any additional net rent but our tenants will have to pay more for their unit. The original Rental Registry bill was well intended but it will increase the cost of housing and make it less affordable. Property owners can be traced without a formal Rental Registry.

Please pass H7225 Article 3 Section 17.

Respectfully submitted,

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