

Roberta DiMezza

From: Scott Bonelli <scott@bigheadstudio.com>
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To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: OPPOSE H5196

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Responsible landlords DO NOT give unreasonable notice to good tenants, but a longer notice period increases the risk of unpaid rent, leaving only one month's security to cover multiple months of potential losses and damages. This legislation will harm the housing provider and incentivize a bad tenant to push a valid eviction to its furthest point. This puts undue pressure on the individual landlord to remedy a statewide problem.

I am urging you to consider my experience as a housing provider and having seen the numerous ways terminations can play out in the worst case scenario. The proposed bill's extended termination notice period could create challenges for landlords and neighboring tenants. While some argue it aligns with rent increase notices, the two have very different effects. Responsible landlords rarely give unreasonable notice to good tenants, but a longer notice period increases the risk of unpaid rent, leaving only one month's security to cover multiple months of potential losses and damages. In cases where termination is necessary for the safety or well-being of other tenants, the delay could prolong disruptions and increase property damage. It's important to recognize that termination simply sets an end date—it is not an eviction. Thank you for your consideration! Please VOTE NO on H5196

Sincerely,

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