Roberta DiMezza

From: Thomas Stanley <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2025 11:12 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee

Subject: OPPOSE H5196

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Good Morning, my name is Tom Stanley and as a housing provider in the State of Rhode Island, I am writing to oppose H5196

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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