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Good morning,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 5674 which would prohibit a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations.

This bill will help protect our neighbors - both those who are themselves immigrants and those whose family members are immigrants - from threats to their housing and safety.

Particularly as the federal government appears to be threatening immigrants of all statuses, fear in the community is growing. When people are being deported without due process, it isn't just those without a "legal status" who have cause for real concern. This makes it substantially easier for a landlord to use the threat of deportation to prevent many tenants from exercising their basic rights as tenants. This is dangerous for all tenants.

I urge the Committee to approve this legislation and protect the state's immigrant community from prejudice and bias.

Best,
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