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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

My name is Dr. Allen Dennison. with my wife Dr. Jane Dennison, I own 428 Hope Street in Providence. While we have compassion for homeless people, squatting is stealing from us and depriving a paying family from the use of the property. Also landlords must raise rents to cover the expense of lost income and costly eviction proceedings.

A "squatter" is a person who moves into a property without the consent of the owner. This law would deter unsavory characters from being able to trespass into a property and not be able to be removed in a timely manner. When squatters enter properties they may put others in danger, displace lawful applicants who are scheduled to move into a property, and subject a property owner to a lengthy and costly eviction timeline. This law would treat trespassers as they are -criminals, rather than tenants who have rights and require a due process eviction proceeding. Thank you for considering this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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