## Roberta DiMezza

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:59 AM **To:** House Judiciary Committee

**Subject:** SUPPORT 5919 -TRESPASS AND VANDALISM -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I had a girlfriend of a leasee who moved at the end of the lease stay on in the 3 bedroom condo for 3 months without paying a dime. I had to hire an attorney to get her out. She drove a BMW, took yoga classes, had her nails done but refused to pay or leave. She held real estate license and knew the laws and what she could get away with. This law MUST be passed to protect landlords from criminals.

I am seeking your support for H5919 - "TRESPASS AND VANDALISM - RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT" - This proposed law would provide protection to landlords and other tenants in a building when someone illegally obtains possession of a property. This would allow a "squatter" to be treated as the trespasser that they are, rather than have tenant rights. It is imperative that landlords have legal recourse for when trespassers enter properties and refuse to leave. This protects others in a community just as much. Thank you for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

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