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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

This is necessary to ensure I as a landlord, can maintain the property and ensure only the people I rent to are able to live in the property. Allowing a squatter to remain in the property puts the property itself, as well as my other tenants at risk. Additionally, the financial burden of being forced to house and not remove a squatter further increases the financial burden on me as the owner of the property

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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