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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I have had this happen personally. I definitely support this bill. I lost months of rent, not to mention the stress it caused. I felt completely let down by the system. That the squatter could be in my home not paying anything. Using my electricity and heat and I could do nothing. Such a horrific memory.

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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