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**From:** Melanie Ruiz <yourtrueliving@gmali.com>  
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**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** SUPPORT 5919 -TRESPASS AND VANDALISM -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

This piece of legislation closes a loophole in the law which allows criminal trespasser the protection and rights of tenants. A squatter is someone who takes up possession of a property illegally and without the consent of the owner. This clearly can put not only the owner at risk of physical or financial danger, but also the neighboring tenants who are forced to live with an unsavory character who would do such a thing. This squatter may pose a safety risk to other in the building or at the very least provides for an undue uncomfortable living arrangement. Under this law landlords would no longer be forced to treat a trespasser as a tenant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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