

Roberta DiMezza

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To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: SUPPORT H5919 - Protection from squatters

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Good Morning, my name is Tom Stanley and as a housing provider in the State of Rhode Island, I am writing to support H5919

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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