Roberta DiMezza

From: Glenn Dumas <user@votervoice.net>
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To: House Judiciary Committee

Subject: Oppose 5920, SUPPORT 5504 ESA

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Hi my name is Glenn Dumas I own a few small rental properties in the Providence area. Please oppose Bill 5920 as a landlord it is extremely important to do a background check not only to protect myself but other tenants that live in the houses.

Please support bill 5504 this will help protect those who really do need emotional support animals. Thank you for your consideration!

I oppose the proposals made to ESAs in H5920 as they are vague and could be abused. Additionally, adding "housing status" as a protected class, creates undue liability for property owners simply seeking to assess applicants through a proper background check in order to protect the well-being of neighboring tenants and protect their investment. I support H5504 as it seek to protect those who truly need Emotional support animals and deters fraud and abuse. Additionally it creates a system in line with longstanding federal standards that would provide an expectation and guidelines to both renters and landlords to follow. This seems like fair and balance legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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