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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

The fraud currently surrounding ESA animals makes it nearly impossible for landlords to protect their properties and other tenants. ESAs do not deserve the same standing as Service Dogs which have been highly trained for specific work. An ESA requires absolutely no training whatsoever and currently there is no oversight into all the fake ESA registration sites. Please oppose this bill.

I OPPOSE H 5920. Expanding protections for untrained “assistance animals” to match those of professionally trained service animals could lead to abuse, undermining landlord rights and tenant safety. Adding “housing status” as a protected class may create legal burdens, prevent landlords from verifying rental history or identity, and pose safety risks. Instead of broad policies that may backfire, we urge lawmakers to focus on education, support services, and collaborative solutions that balance housing access, property rights, and anti-discrimination efforts. Alternatively, I SUPPORT H5504 as a balanced solution for ESA protections.

Sincerely,

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