

Roberta DiMezza

From: David Sisson <dave@ds-arch.com>
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To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: OPPOSE 5920

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read my message. I OPPOSE 5920. This bill will harm tenants with genuine disabilities as housing providers will not have the ability to discern what tenants have genuine need for an assistance animal versus tenants who are simply gaming the system to get pets accepted where they previously were not.

It's important to understand that people with disabilities need protection.

It's important to understand that the vast majority of emotional support animals are simply pets and are not actually service animals.

It's important to understand that many housing providers cannot provide insurance and expose themselves and the property to unlimited liability when certain types of animals are housed at the property.

In order to provide quality housing, a housing provider needs to be able to determine the legitimacy of the need for a service animal. This bill removes that protection from both tenants and housing providers.

Sincerely,

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