

Roberta DiMezza

From: Nancy DeSocio <user@votervoice.net>
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Subject: OPPOSE 5920

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I strongly oppose H5920. Applicants constantly abuse the term "emotional support animal" and landlords already have a difficult time managing this to identify those with true ESAs and those who want their dangerous pets to live in our property even though they aren't an ESA.

Alternatively, I SUPPORT H5504 as a balanced solution for ESA protections.

Thank you for your consideration.

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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