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**From:** Scott Bonelli <scott@bigheadstudio.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:54 AM  
**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** OPPOSE 5920

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I OPPOSE H 5920. Expanding protections for untrained “assistance animals” to match those of professionally trained service animals WILL lead to abuse, undermining landlord rights and tenant safety. I have had issues where a tenant decided they need 5 service animals, with threats of legal action if I were to discriminate. Adding “housing status” as a protected class is ridiculous, you have to actively choose to be a criminal allowing this chosen status such protections put many innocent folks at risk, imagine if I were to tell you that I was moving into your basement apartment. don't worry its fine I promise, nothing to fear at all right?> you don't know me, and you have no rights ask my status to protect your family . How safe does that make you feel? 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.

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.

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Sincerely,

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