

Roberta DiMezza

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To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: OPPOSE 5920

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Good Morning, My name is Tom Stanley. As a housing provider in the state of rhode island I am writing to oppose H5920.

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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