

Roberta DiMezza

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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Sometimes in protected class areas of legislation, there are unintended consequences,, insurance companies are getting more restrictive on pets. Also, when we can not review who is entering a place for rent, we have a responsibility to the other tenants to try to keep them all safe. I would surely 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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