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**From:** Della Reams <user@votervoice.net>  
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**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** OPPOSE 5921

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Please oppose Rhode Island House Bill 5921, which proposes allowing tenants to withhold rent payments and deposit them into an escrow account upon the issuance of a second notice of violation by a housing code enforcement officer. I oppose this bill for these reasons:

Financial Strain on landlords can make them unable to solve the violations, Potential for tenant abuse can lead to unnecessary disputes and legal complications, Current laws already provide mechanisms for tenants to address unresolved code violations, Future investment in developing more rental properties will be discouraged.

Sincerely,

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