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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I am opposed to House Bill 7130 which automatically allows tenants to pay an increase in their security deposit over a period of 12 months.

Security deposits are intended to protect property owners from damage and unpaid rent. If the landlord can't get that assurance up front, the point of the security deposit is eliminated. This is not fair to responsible property owners.

Typically rent increases are done in very small amounts, such as \$25 or \$50. Spreading such a small amount into 1/12 increments and then having to track such small progress payments over a year would be an undue burden on housing providers.

Further, if the tenant moves out in six months the landlord would never have received the full security deposit equal to one month's rent, leaving them less than one month's rent to pay for any damages, which is not fair to landlords.

Landlords and tenants should be free to negotiate payment arrangements for increased security deposits without it being mandated by statute.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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