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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

It's bad enough in Rhode Island we cannot have 1st, last and security deposits. Many bad tenants who know they've destroyed a place skip out on last months rent and their deposit is never enough to cover their damages. Full deposit is due up front in full. Oppose this bill

I oppose H7130, which allows tenants to pay an increase in a security deposit over a year.

Rent increases are usually small, and this would require a lot of extra bookkeeping and tracking for a pretty small dollar amount.

It also means that for part of the lease, a landlord would have less than one month's rent security deposit, which is unfair.

I don't think the increased burden on landlords is justified for the small dollar amounts. For example, a rent increase of \$50 would mean the landlord has to track a \$4.17 payment each month.

I hope that you agree that legislating payments of a few dollars a month over a year is excessive, and vote not to advance this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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