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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I am against H7758 because it unfairly holds landlords completely responsible for bed bug problems in rental units. While I agree that landlords should provide a pest-free unit at the start of a lease, this bill goes too far.

One major issue is that tenants who bring bed bugs into an apartment would only need to tell the landlord and provide access to their unit. Then, the landlord has to pay for everything and handle all the work to get rid of them. This isn't right because bed bugs are usually brought in by tenants, and are not a problem with the property itself.

This bill also sets very fast and unreasonable deadlines for inspections and exterminations, which could be hard for landlords and pest control companies to meet.

Landlords do not want bed bugs in their properties any more than tenants do, and already know that working with tenants to resolve a pest issue as soon as possible is the best way to both keep tenants happy and to solve the problem as inexpensively as possible. This bill is not only unnecessary, but by completely shifting the burden to landlords for a problem likely created by tenants, is also unfair.

For these reasons, I ask you to oppose this bill. We need a fairer way to deal with bed bugs that considers the responsibilities of both tenants and landlords.

Sincerely,

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