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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I am against House Bill 7766, which would get rid of the five-year wait to seal eviction records and also let people ask to seal records as many times as they want.

I think this goes too far and hurts the fairness of the rental system. Right now, there's a balance that lets some time pass before records can be sealed.

If we get rid of the five-year wait, people could hide recent eviction cases right away. This would make it really hard for housing providers to know if someone has a bad rental history and make good decisions about who to rent to. This could put other tenants at risk too.

Letting people ask to seal records as many times as they want could also cause problems. People with a lot of evictions could just keep trying to seal their records until it works. This would make the court system overloaded and make it so you can't really trust public records anymore.

Housing providers in Rhode Island already have a tough time with costs and rules. We need to be able to see eviction records to keep our properties safe and stable for everyone. This bill would take away that important information without making things fairer for housing providers.

I hope you will say no to this bill and instead keep the current sealing process which is balanced and fair to tenants and landlords.

Sincerely,

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