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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Christopher Smith <user@votervoice.net>
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To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support H8066 - Protection against squatters

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

This piece of legislation closes a loophole in the law which allows criminal trespasser to have the protection and rights of tenants.

A squatter is someone who takes up possession of a property illegally and without the consent of the owner.

This clearly can put not only the owner at risk of physical or financial danger, but also the neighboring tenants who are forced to live with an unsavory character who would do such a thing.

This squatter may pose a safety risk to others in the building or at the very least provides for a very uncomfortable living arrangement.

Under this law landlords would no longer be forced to treat a trespasser as a tenant. It would allow them to treat squatters as the trespassers they are, and would not affect the protections or rights of real tenants at all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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