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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

A "squatter" is a person who moves into a private property without the consent of the owner. This law would deter unsavory characters from being able to trespass into a property and not be able to be removed in a timely manner.

When squatters enter properties they may put others in danger, displace lawful applicants who are scheduled to move into a property, and subject a property owner to a lengthy and costly eviction timeline.

This law would treat trespassers as they are - criminals, rather than tenants who have rights and require a due process eviction proceeding.

Tenants would still have their rights to an eviction proceeding as they always have, and this bill would not affect them at all.

Thank you for considering this important piece of legislation to protect property owners and communities.

Sincerely,

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