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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

This bill is obvious and should be supported wholeheartedly without hesitation. Squatters are NOT tenants and should not be given any tenants rights whatsoever. Not passing this bill will exacerbate the already existing housing shortage because squatters illegally taking over units being renovated, units that they do not have a valid lease from the owner or other person in charge of that unit, will cause destruction, unpaid mortgages, foreclosures and many other horrible consequences.

I can validate my applications, leases, and other terms to prove whether someone is a valid resident. Some squatter waving a fake lease at police does not give them any rights and if you fail to support this bill, I wish upon you a squatter in your own home when you come back from your next weekend away. Squatters should be immediately arrested and dispossessed of the unit they are squatting in within hours of their presence being reported.

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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