

Roberta DiMezza

From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Anthony Thompson
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Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 6:16 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: H8111- Support, but *only with amendments*

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

This legislation is based on a recommendation that was made based on mutual agreement in 2025 at the Special Legislative Landlord-Tenant Commission, however, stretched beyond its original intention.

I agree with a tenant being able to remove their name from an eviction if they were a minor at the time, but the way this legislation is written would mean that any adult named in a case would also have their eviction sealed and could do so an unlimited amount of times so long as a minor is named in the case.

The spirit of this proposal was to help minors clear records that are more than likely no fault of their own - not to also seal records of responsible parties.

I would ask that changes be made to ensure that this legislation does exactly what it was intended to do. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Duncan Xue <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 6:16 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support 8111 with amendments

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I support H8111 with amendments. Because eviction filing only relevant to adults, the sealing should match that convention.

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Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Carla Neville <user@votervoice.net>
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Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Rachel McNally
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Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 6:16 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: H8111- Support with amendments

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Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of janice hannert <user@votervoice.net>
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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Please do not pass H8111 because it needs to be further amended.

It is a good idea to seal the records of minors but this bill would also allow sealing of the eviction records for the over 18 members of a household. Landlords need to be able know whether a household has been evicted previously in order to make an informed decision on whether they would be a good candidate for an apartment.

Please do not pass H8111 unless it has been amended to exclude adult households.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Rose Russell <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 6:16 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: OPPOSED - Requires Amendments H8111

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Sorry, if you get evicted why spread the pain and suffering to other property managers? subjecting others to potential tremendous destruction to their properties and possible foreclosure because you cant pay the mortgage if they don't pay the rent. There needs to be some personal accountability for people and if their parents didn't teach them to be responsible, why should I have to pay for it? I need to know if they're a deadbeat or a threat or destructive

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Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Ryan Tiernan <user@votervoice.net>
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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

This measure will result in fewer apartments available and at higher rent rates.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Joseph Pereira, Jr <user@votervoice.net>
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Dara Kapsimalis <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 6:16 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
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Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Sandra Negrón
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Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 6:16 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: H8111- Support with amendments

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I recognize the importance of protecting minors from eviction records and fully support that objective. However, this bill goes beyond that intent by allowing adults in the same case to also have their records sealed. While it is not a child's fault, adults who are responsible parties should still be accountable. Landlords rely on this information to make responsible decisions that impact not only their property, but also the safety and stability of their current tenants.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Angelo Kapsimalis <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 6:16 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I strongly oppose.

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From: bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Rob Grace <rgrace@rihousebuyer.com>
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