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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I am writing regarding House Bill 8111, which expands eligibility for sealing certain eviction records. I support the intent of this bill and the ideas that came out of the 2024–2025 House Special Legislative Commission on the Landlord-Tenant Act. I followed the work of the commission and appreciate the collaborative effort that went into developing these recommendations.

The commission discussed allowing eviction records to be sealed in a few specific situations. These included cases where a complaint was defective, case after the appeal period has expired, and when a minor is named in an eviction filing.

I support the idea of allowing minors to have eviction records sealed, since they are not legally responsible for rent. However, the court system currently does not have a way to seal only one person's name from a case. Without that ability and as written, sealing a minor's name could result in the entire case being sealed for all parties involved. Before implementing this change, it would be important to work with the judiciary to ensure there is a process in place to remove or seal only the minor's name.

Clarifying these details would help ensure the bill reflects the spirit of the commission's recommendations and can be implemented in the way it was intended.

Sincerely,

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