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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I agree with the intent of removing eviction records for minors, as they are not adults and should not be held responsible for rent obligations. In the rare instance where a minor may technically be named in a case, they should still be afforded a second chance and should not carry an eviction record into adulthood.

However, this bill goes beyond that goal. It also seals eviction records for adults who were lawfully responsible for the lease and were evicted from the residence. Additionally, it allows for unlimited sealing of eviction records for any adult case in which a minor was named. Because the court system is not structured to remove only a single name from an eviction record, sealing a minor's name effectively results in the entire case being sealed.

This legislation stems from recommendations made by the 2024–2025 Landlord-Tenant Commission, but the bill as written deviates from the recommendation that was agreed upon. Passing this legislation in its current form would go against the spirit of the compromise and collaboration that occurred during the commission process.

It is important that we continue working together to craft legislation that remains balanced and reflects the original recommendations made by the commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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