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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Please support H8215 to bring common sense and clarity to the rules around emotional support animals in Rhode Island. Right now, it's too easy for people to claim any pet whatsoever as an ESA, which creates problems for both landlords and tenants who truly need these animals.

This bill fixes that by letting landlords ask for real proof from a local RI doctor or therapist that a tenant needs an ESA. It also makes sure that people with a real need can't be unfairly denied housing just because they have an ESA.

By supporting this bill, you'll help make the rules clearer and fairer for everyone. Landlords will be able to make sure claims are real, and tenants who truly rely on ESAs will have the protection they deserve. It's a win-win for responsible housing and I hope you will support this bill.

Sincerely,

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