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Subject: Oppose S2269 Violations
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Dear Committee Clerk Rocha,

Opposition to Senate Bill No. 2269
To The Honorable Senator Bissaillon
Chair, Senate Municipal Government and Housing Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter in OPPOSITION to Senate Bill No. 2269

Dear Members of the Senate Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

I am writing to express strong opposition to Senate Bill 2269, which would mandate that cities or towns send housing violation notices to tenants before the landlord has had a chance to abate the alleged issues. While we deeply value the importance of ensuring safe and habitable living conditions, this legislation presents unintended consequences that would negatively impact both property owners and renters.

Our primary concerns regarding this proposed legislation include:

- **Undermining Due Process:** This mandate effectively bypasses the standard legal framework for handling code violations. It deprives landlords of their fundamental right to be notified of an issue and to be given a reasonable opportunity to rectify it before facing potential legal repercussions.
- **Damaging Landlord-Tenant Relationships:** Requiring municipalities to send notices directly to tenants before a landlord can act is likely to create unnecessary friction and misunderstandings. Even if a landlord resolves the violation promptly, tenants may interpret the municipal notice as evidence of negligence. This adversarial dynamic ultimately harms efforts to promote long-term housing stability within our communities.
- **Imposing Administrative Burdens on Municipalities:** This bill would place undue financial and administrative strain on cities and towns. Forcing local governments to allocate staff and resources to issue these notices would divert essential municipal funds away from pressing priorities like community development and affordable housing initiatives.

Rather than advancing policies that exacerbate tensions and compromise landlords' rights, we urge the committee to consider alternative approaches. Fostering collaborative efforts between tenants, landlords, and municipalities to streamline code enforcement and provide compliance assistance will yield much more effective and sustainable improvements to housing quality.

We respectfully ask that you reconsider this proposed legislation and work toward balanced policies that protect the rights and responsibilities of all stakeholders involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide commentary on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jefrey De La Cruz
Providence Landlord

Please oppose S2269. Landlords should be afforded the opportunity to review and remedy an alleged violation before tenants are notified. Premature notification can create unnecessary friction in the landlord-tenant relationship, as tenants may assume that issues are not being addressed, even when corrective action is underway.

There is already an established enforcement framework requiring landlords to respond to notices of violation and to correct any deficiencies within prescribed timelines, with penalties imposed for noncompliance. This existing process provides appropriate accountability without introducing additional confusion or tension.

Sincerely,

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