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Chairman Bissaillon and members of the Housing and Municipal Government Committee:

I write in **support** of SB#2269 which amends Rhode Island's Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code to strengthen notification requirements when a building has housing code violations.

If a housing code enforcement officer finds that a dwelling, unit, or structure violates the housing code, the officer must give a copy of the violation notice to all tenants affected by the violation. Previously, notices were only required to be served to the owner or operator, which meant tenants might never learn about dangerous or unhealthy conditions officially identified by inspectors. The bill corrects that.

H7658 is good for tenants because it ensures transparency, provides equal access to critical safety information, strengthens tenant participation in enforcement, and holds landlords (especially absentee ones) accountable for fixing housing code violations.

I urge your support for SB #2269.

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