

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to request you to oppose the LC-18 rental assistance bill where housing providers would have to forgive 20% of rent owed by tenants. This will be devastating to our business as we provide housing to over 150 families in the area. This will also be devastating to housing providers both large and small who depend on the rent to be able to pay the mortgages and all the expenses that pertain to maintaining housing units. It will also give tenants who can pay rent one more reason to avoid paying rent and financially harm the housing providers. This encourages tenants to take advantage of the system, those who can actually pay the rent find ways to abuse the system. We have witnessed this with some of our tenants but our hands are tied and we have not been able to do anything about it.

Thank you for your time.

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