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**For Judiciary Committee Public Hearing March 25, 2011**  
**IN FAVOR OF HB6620, HB 1205 and HB1208 Condo Bills**

Dear Judiciary Co-Chair Rep Gerald Fox,

I am writing this letter urging you to support the new condo bills HB6620, HB1205, HB1208. As an 11 year resident of a 257 unit low to moderate income housing cooperative in Bridgeport's South End, I have seen some absolutely appalling corrupt behavior on behalf of board members. While I have seen some equally corrupt behavior on behalf of leaseholders as well, it is especially disturbing to see it occurring at the Board level. What is even more disturbing about seeing it taking place on the board level, is that they can use OUR common charge money to hire lawyers to work around their wrong doings leaving us with little chance to have a fair shot at whatever they are trying to manipulate.

As a leaseholder, I would definitely be willing to pay a small fee for an ombudsman and I know that many neighbors would as well. About 5 years ago, the majority of the board members who had been in office for many, many years switched to the minority (5 to 4 in a 9 member board election). It was a fair and square election and one week later they sent out a letter to the community saying that there had to be another vote because there hadn't been a quorum and they "mistakenly lost the ballots and sign in sheets." Unbelievably, they "won" their majority position back. What I would have done for an ombudsman then.

We have an extremely ethical and democratic president now but a few very devicive board members lurking around who are just waiting to upset the apple cart once again. Please support these bills and equal the playing field for leaseholders/property owners when they don't have the resources to fight back and are being held hostage by individuals with bad motives and unethical behaviors.

Sincerely,  
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