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Honorable members of the Housing Committee:

I apologize I am unable to come in person.

My name is David Haberfeld, I am a landlord of 120+ units and I fully support the concept of fair and equal housing opportunities for all.

However, I hope you will re-evaluate the current fair housing laws. They are well intentioned, but are poorly executed. They make the playing field extremely unfair for landlords and the fine structure and appeals process are just plain scary to a person like me.

An ideal situation would have a fair process for identifying whether a violation took place, and a fair punishment which should take into consideration whether or not the cause of the violation was lack of education or malicious in nature. It matters.

It should also remove any profit for organizations that enforce these violations as it becomes a for profit enterprise that encourages larger fines and motivation to fine landlords who have not committed an actual violation.

*I encourage you to vote in favor of **House Bill 5342** as it was originally intended and extend to owners the right to one appeal if they choose to have an administrative hearing as currently tenants have **unlimited** appeal rights (reconsideration) and owners have **none**.*

Please make fair housing fair.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

David Haberfeld