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**To:** HSGTestimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB5713, SB54 and HB5712

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB5713, SB54 and HB5712.

As a Realtor and landlord, one of my primary concerns is the safety of my clients and tenants, and the security of their property. These three bills currently being considered have the potential of seriously compromising my clients' and tenants' safety and peace of mind.

I believe that people with criminal convictions should be able to get housing, and often deserve a second chance, but the way to do that is not to conceal a prospective tenant's criminal past. There is no better way to predict a person's future behavior than to look at their past. This goes for criminal record just like it does for one's credit history.

My tenants rely on me, as their landlord, to screen their neighbors and keep drugs and violence away from them to the best of my ability. Please don't prevent me and other landlords from doing that.

Being a criminal is not a protected class, nor should it be treated as such. A person becomes a criminal by making certain (bad) choices in life. Let me decide if I will allow, say, the one-time offender to live in my building, versus the repeat offender who has been in and out of prison.

I have the right to know to whom I am renting, and what potential risks I and my tenants may be exposed to based on the applicant's criminal past. Please don't shut me off from obtaining that information.

Why does the criminal's need to secure good housing supersede the public's right to live in safety and security? Just because someone has paid his or her debt to society doesn't necessarily mean they will not repeat a criminal act. If this were not the case, then why do we have the Sexual Offender Registry? Why? Because past behavior IS a predictor of future behavior!

Please oppose HB5713, SB54 and HB5712. Not being able to ask about a prospective tenant about their criminal history has the potential of risking public safety.

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