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Dear Housing Committee,

I believe that people with criminal convictions should be able to get housing, and deserve a 2nd chance, but the way to do that is not to blind landlords.

There is no better way to predict a persons future than to look at their past. This goes for criminal record just like it does for credit.

Tenants are counting on landlords to screen their neighbors and keep out the drugs and violence to the best of their ability.

Please don't prevent them from doing that.

Criminals are not a protected class and should not be treated as such.

Please oppose HB 5713 and SB 54. Theres not an ounce of common sense in these initiatives.

Not being able to ask about a criminal record to a tenant is just silly. Please think about all the landlords and tenants who could become victims of this legislation if it were to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

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