

Testimony in favor of:
HB-6529 AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF THE
HOUSING ADVOCATE

Submitted by:
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Senator Lopes, Representative McGee, and distinguished members of the Housing Committee:

My name is Andrew McAllister. I live in Millbrook Village in Windsor. Millbrook is a low-income housing unit for the elderly and the physically and mentally disabled that is overseen by the Windsor Housing Authority. I am writing in support of HB 6529, An Act Concerning Housing Authorities and Establishing an Office of the Housing Advocate.

The current Housing Authority administration, which has been in office for over a year and a half is disrespectful, hostile and discriminatory towards residents. Maintenance requests are ignored or not responded to. There are tenants without properly functioning stoves and refrigerators, most of the newly renovated units do not have necessary grab bars or emergency pull cords, and many residents experience plumbing issues that are never addressed. We have had many problems and we have sought assistance but no assistance has been available. Management is abusive and regularly threatens tenants with eviction or financial penalties. We need the advocacy the HB 6529 will provide.

Sincerely,
Andrew McAllister
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