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From: David Sisson <dave@ds-arch.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2025 10:17 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: OPPOSE H5103 - MAKING CRIMINALS PROTECTED CLASS

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I OPPOSE H5103. This bill creates a new protected class of people in Rhode Island - criminals. As a housing provider, I need background information on my tenants so I can place them appropriately and safely. If I cannot check background, I cannot have confidence about a tenant. This will force me to tighten up standards and reject tenants who otherwise might be housed. Furthermore, the inability to check background might result in placing dangerous tenants nearby tenants or neighbors who need protection. Please vote against this dangerous bill. This bill protects a very small subset of tenants at the expense of the vast majority of tenants.

Sincerely,

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