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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Rent control has universally failed as a measure to protect tenants. Study after study shows it just leads to less new housing stock, or less maintenance of existing housing stock. It also requires a costly bureaucracy to maintain and enforce it.

A dramatic example of this has been provided by the Twin Cities of St Paul (strict rent control) and Minneapolis (a pro-growth agenda). You could not get a better illustration of the failure of rent control. St Paul eventually abandoned its rent control ordinance. For reference:

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.upjohn.org%2Fresearch-highlights%2Faffordable-housing-minneapolis-st-paul-tale-twin-cities&data=05%7C02%7CHouseJudiciary%40rilegislature.onmicrosoft.com%7C6566ebc2f5af42a1911e08dd64204b8f%7C9fe6112ca456463789dc0f284ceffc66%7C0%7C0%7C638776812057825190%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFBpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jPDfIRlq1BdfohnNjCCUnpOh%2FDTJnKKhKYLzsF8iw2s%3D&reserved=0>

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