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Subject: House Bill No. H-5504

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Dear Chair Craven, First Vice Chair McEntee, Second Vice Chair Knight, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I have written at this time to urge you to vote in favor of House Bill No. H-5504.

This bill would amend the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act such that it would allow for tenants with disabilities to request and be approved by a landlord to keep an "emotional support animal" as a reasonable accommodation in housing, as well as the corresponding definition of an "emotional support animal".

This would also change the phrase "guide dog or other personal assistive animal" to a "service animal" and provides the corresponding definition of a service animal.

Again, I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

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