

Roberta DiMezza

From: Lynn Smiley <user@votervoice.net>
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To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support H5505 - Emotional Support Animals

Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Please support

Please support H5505. Landlords recognize the importance of service animals and emotional support animals, however, the current law falls short of providing clarity and protection for both parties, especially those tenants who truly need an ESA.

This bill provides landlords the capability to verify the status of an ESA animal while enforcing the provision of a reasonable accommodation and would prove extremely helpful in easing landlord-tenant relations. Making sure that tenants who legitimately need an ESA cannot be denied but also making sure this important right cannot be abused.

Sincerely,

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