

To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Dennis Kretschmar, currently residing in Barrington, RI. The bill I am commenting on is House Bill 5309, Eviction Moratorium Bill. I am against the passage of this bill for the following reasons.

Although I am sympathetic to anyone who has had rent payment issues because of the COVID pandemic, the government has provided a means for delinquent tenants to receive funding which can be used for rent payment. To extend the current eviction moratorium penalizes the landlord community by denying them the rent needed to pay their mortgage, which could ultimately lead to a bank foreclosure, with a negative impact on the overall rental market. This would benefit no one, including landlords and tenants.

A better business approach than extending the eviction moratorium is to make any delinquent tenants aware of the funding available to help them in this situation and force them to apply for this funding. This would benefit both landlords and tenants, while preventing a possible negative impact in the rental market.

Sincerely,
Dennis Kretschmar