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Testimony for the Housing Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly

Re: HB 5242

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Dear Member:

I am writing today in opposition to HB 5242 An Act Concerning the Collateral Consequences of Criminal Records on Housing Opportunities.

This bill will hinder landlords and property managers from protecting their residents from violent and repeat offenders. In our leases to our tenants, we have a clause that our tenants have the right to peaceful enjoyment of their residence. This means that while they have the right to peaceful enjoyment so do their neighbors.

Our elderly residents deserve quiet enjoyment of their unit.

This experiment was tried on the federal level back in 1998 when the Department of Housing and Urban Development allowed the “young disabled” to live in elderly housing complexes. Drug addicts, drug dealers, and those with severe emotional and mental health issues were allowed to live in these units that were built and designated as elderly units.

Elderly residents lived in fear. This bill will allow the same thing to happen only this time on private property. Landlords should never be restricted as to who they can rent their private units.

Again, I strongly oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Timothy G. Bobroske