23 April 2021

To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Senate Bill 5555

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Johnson and Steiner Hayward, Representative Rayfield, Co-Vice Chairs Senator Girod, Representatives Gomberg and Smith, and members of the Committee:

Regarding this upcoming budget discussion. Regardless of the work already put in to Senate Bill 330, there is but one item on my mind that could be addressed.

This item would set things aright with those rental property owners who were coerced into forfeiting twenty percent of their purloined income in order to merely apply for possible reimbursement from the state.

Instead of an income tax credit—of little use to mom & pop owners—as is currently proposed by SB 330, rental property owners who have had their incomes stolen by the actions of the state—which is aiding and abetting unscrupulous tenants—instead ought to be paid back.

The state has the money.

Fair is fair.

There is nothing about the eviction moratorium that is fair.

To anyone.

Sincerely,

Richard Wisner

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