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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2134

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen, Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 2134. As someone currently in a fixed-term lease, I understand firsthand the challenges tenants face when unexpected life changes such as a job opportunity, family need, or health concern requiring flexibility in housing arrangements. Unfortunately, the penalties associated with breaking a lease early can be financially burdensome, especially for vulnerable low-income families.

If this bill had been in place during a time when I faced an unexpected relocation to move and support my mom financially, it would have provided a necessary safeguard, allowing me to make that transition without undue financial strain. By allowing tenants to give 30 days' notice and terminate a lease early without penalties under specified conditions, this bill provides tenants with a fair opportunity to adapt to life changes while still protecting landlords' interests.

I urge the Committee to support House Bill 2134 and look forward to seeing this measure advance to benefit both tenants and landlords alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Orozco