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 Senator James B. Eldridge Representative Claire D. Cronin

Senate Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary House Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary

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Re: S. 824 *The HOMES Act*

 H. 3566 *The HOMES Act*

Dear Chairman Eldridge and Chairwoman Cronin
and Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

I would like to submit testimony supporting the HOMES Act which would establish a fair eviction record sealing process. Having an eviction record can create a devastating barrier to finding a new place to live. I support this bill because of my own experience.

*In your own words - add your personal experience in 2-3 paragraphs. Here are questions to guide you:*

* *What was the reason for the eviction?*
* *How long ago was your eviction?*
* *How did the court label your eviction (non-payment, cause, no-cause)? Was this correct?*
* *What was the final outcome of your court case?*
	+ *Was your case dismissed?*
	+ *Did you sign an agreement? If so, did you follow the terms of the agreement?*
* *Have you been denied an apartment because of you eviction record?*
* *If so, how do you know (what did the landlord or real estate broker tell you)?*
* *How did having an eviction record impact your housing search?*
* *Have you ever been provided with a tenant screening report that recommended denying you housing because of an eviction record?*

For these reasons, I urge the Judiciary Committee to report the HOMES Act out favorably.

Thank you,

*[Your name]*