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TO: Committee on the Judiciary

FROM: Senator William N. Brownsberger *WNB*

RE: S626, An Act relative to the withholding of rent

DATE: June 19, 2013

I am writing in support of S626, An Act relative to the withholding of rent.

Massachusetts needs a rent escrow law that is fair and offers protections to both landlords and tenants. There are differing perceptions about how the escrow process works in practice, but I have heard stories of abuses by both tenants and landlords.

I hope that the committee can sift through this issue and improve the process. S626 provides one thoughtful starting point.

