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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email in hopes that you will vote for HB #1714 to modify the abandoned property law. I am a landlord with approximately one dozen units. It affords our family some extra income, but does not support us totally. My wife and I also hold full time jobs.

It has been my experience that when furniture, clothing, utensils, etc. have been left in an apartment and the tenant leaves no forwarding address; the stuff left behind is either garbage or the tenant never intended on taking it with him or her in the first place.

For ourselves and other landlords to have to pay court fees to legally dispose of our tenants garbage/unwanted items would put most of us out of business. We believe that if our tenants did want said items, that they would leave a forwarding address or make arrangements prior to leaving to retrieve their belongings.

We feel that this would just create another financial burden for us as landlords. The eviction process itself can be an enormous burden itself. But that is another matter.

We appreciate any and all considerations you afford us.

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