

30 January 2023

Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: Senate bill 599

Dear Chair Senator Jama, Vice-Chair Senator Anderson and members senators Knopp, Patterson and Sollman:

I urge you to table Senate Bill 599 and let it go no further.

Forcing rental property owners to allow their rental “housing” to be used as a business venue is simply a bad idea. Since when are rental housing providers required to subsidize business?

It appears that those with a particular “vision” in mind seem to think they are better equipped to make decisions regarding someone else’s property than the property owners themselves.

They act as if private property rights are some sort of special protection of the economically privileged instead of what they actually are, a fundamental cornerstone of a functioning market economy.

The passage of SB 599 would be akin to arbitrarily seizing the asset of one person and transferring it to another person.

This bill is not only misguided it is wrong-headed. And by that I mean heading us all in the wrong direction.

Again, I urge you to table Senate Bill 599 and let it go no further.

Sincerely,

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