



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL,  
HOUSING AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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To: Angela Zaikowski, Vermont Apartment Owners Association, LLC  
Jonathan Bond, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity  
Sandy Paritz, Vermont Legal Aid

From: Representative Helen Head, Chair  
House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs

Date: May 2, 2017

Subject: H.260 – Expedited eviction for tenants sharing landlord’s living space

Dear Angela, Jonathan, and Sandy,

I write regarding H.260, an act relating to residential rental agreements and expedited eviction. As you know, on April 26, 2017, the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs considered that bill and heard testimony from you and the bill sponsor, Representative Christie. During the hearing, concerns were raised about the challenges of owner-occupied shared housing that were the impetus for the bill.

The Committee is interested in amending H.260 to create an expedited means to terminate a tenancy in situations where a tenant rents a space in the landlord’s personal residence that includes the shared use of common living spaces with the landlord, and to address the concerns that were identified. We need your help to accomplish this in the second year of the biennium. Therefore, the Committee requests that you consider how H.260 can be amended to accomplish that goal and provide us with detailed feedback and suggested amendments to the bill by December 1, 2017, so that we may begin working on this issue as we start the 2018 legislative session.

We appreciate your diligence and effort, and look forward to receiving your input and suggestions in relation to H.260.