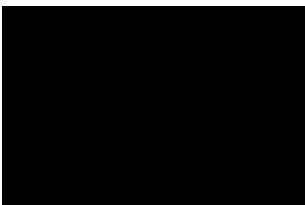




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The Honorable Bob Smith
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Dear Senator Smith:

On behalf of the New Jersey Tenants Organization, it is my pleasure to inform you that you have received our endorsement of your candidacy for Senate in district 17.

We believe you have satisfactorily demonstrated your concern for tenants. As an advocate for tenants' rights and interests, you warrant the praise and votes of all the tenants in your community.

We are especially gratified that you are committed to maintaining local rent control without state interference, to opposing making it easier to evict tenants from their homes, to recognizing tenants as property tax payers, and to putting an end to illegal lockouts.

You can be proud of your commitment to upholding the rights of tenants. We look forward to your being a voice for tenants in the next legislature, after your victory!

Yours truly,

Matthew B. Shapiro
President
New Jersey Tenants Organization