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Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
Jerry T. Jordan, President

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TO: Members of the General Assembly

CC: Hon. Governor Josh Shapiro, Hon. Secretary of Education Dr. Khalid Mumin

FROM: Jerry T. Jordan, President

RE: SUPPORT FOR HB1769 (Eviction Sealing Bill)

I am pleased to offer the support of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers for **House Bill 1769**, a bill that provides regulations regarding the disclosure of eviction records. As the president of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, I offer our organization's support for a bill that I believe is adjacent to our public education advocacy. We know that meeting the basic needs of our young people, their families, and Pennsylvanians at-large is a fundamental tenet of what our society should be.

When we look at an issue like public education, we cannot look at it in isolation. We must examine the myriad issues that are deeply interconnected. Access to safe, affordable, and comfortable housing is one of those important issues. As such, our support of HB1769 is rooted in our unwavering belief that our society can and must do better in wrapping its arms around our neighbors and communities.

Preventing the unnecessary disclosure of an eviction record is a commonsense and tangible way that we can, collectively, convey that we not only value our neighbors but also that we cannot let a single housing issue derail someone's ability to secure housing for themselves and their families.

I urge the legislature to move forward with HB1769, and I thank the co-sponsors for their commitment to this important cause.