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The Alachua County Branch of the NAACP enthusiastically endorses the Renters' Rights Ordinance pending at the Alachua County Commission. Vulnerable renters in unincorporated Alachua County sorely need the protections of this ordinance. Too many of these renters currently live in unsafe homes and pay far too much in utility bills as a result of poor maintenance. The Renters' Rights Ordinance will remedy this by requiring common sense health and safety standards, as well as by requiring low-cost energy efficiency upgrades such as basic insulation and water-saving fixtures.

The vast majority of landlords should have no problem because either their rental units already meet the ordinance's standards or will immediately see the benefit of making these low-cost, common sense repairs and upgrades. The only landlords who should be worried are the small minority of slumlords who prey on our county's most vulnerable. Further, the ordinance generously gives landlords up to four years to meet the energy efficiency upgrades.

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The NAACP asks the Board of County Commissioners place the ordinance on the agenda for its September 13th meeting and vote yes.

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn Foxx

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