[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS       H. R. ______
1ST SESSION

To amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act to include tenant complaints in the Consumer Complaint Database and establish an Office of Tenant Protection, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________________________

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited to as the “Consumer Protec-
5 tion for Tenants Act”.

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SEC. 2. COMPLAINTS REGARDING LANDLORDS.

Section 1013(b)(3) of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5493(b)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “to consumer complaints regarding consumer financial products or services” and inserting “to consumer complaints regarding consumer financial products or services and complaints regarding violations of Federal, State, or local laws by landlords”; and

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “complaints received by the Bureau in the prior year regarding consumer financial products and services” and inserting “complaints received by the Bureau in the prior year regarding consumer financial products and services and complaints regarding violations of Federal, State, or local laws by landlords”.

SEC. 3. OFFICE OF TENANT PROTECTION.

Section 1013 of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5493) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (i); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (g) the following:

“(h) OFFICE OF TENANT PROTECTION.—

“(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this sub-
section, the Director shall establish the Office of Tenant Protection (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Office’).

“(3) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by an assistant director.

“(4) DUTIES.—The Office shall—

“(A) coordinate tenant protection efforts of the Bureau with other Federal agencies and state and local regulators, as appropriate, to promote consistent, efficient, and effective enforcement of tenant protection laws;

“(B) establish partnerships with housing counseling agencies and provide each tenant complainant with the contact information of their local housing counseling agencies when they submit a tenant complaint to the Consumer Complaint Database;

“(C) work with private industry, consumer advocates, and community advocates to promote compliance and education with tenant protection laws;

“(D) each year, submit to the Congress, a report that describes the efforts of the Bureau to fulfill the duties described in this paragraph.”.