

Dear esteemed Housing Committee members and Legislators:

**I urge you to OPPOSE SB 6531: AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN EVICTION PROCEEDINGS.**

The current process works well. To require attorneys to represent tenants during eviction proceedings is not only unnecessary, but would be burdensome and costly for the court, and the state of CT and its tax payers.

Many Mom and Pop Landlords, such as my wife and I do not hire attorneys if and when the rare instance we pursue eviction proceedings. The reason is that the process does not require it when the property is under our own name and we can represent ourselves to reduce the heavy costs associated with loss of rents, potential damages, and court fees when proceeding with an eviction.

During the rare instance that we've performed an eviction, almost every single time, it gets settled with a mediator. The is efficient, effective, and reduces time and money for the court, the Landlord, and the tenant. If we require tenants to have "free" counsel with an attorney, it will only drag out the process and make it more costly to the court, CT tax payers, the Landlord.

If a tenant has an attorney representing them at no cost of their own, then the Landlord will be pressured into hiring an attorney for representation. Again, this is going to make these already stressful situations even more costly, burdensome, and inefficient.

Respectfully,



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