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I would like to voice my opinion AGAINST SB# 6531 " **AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN EVICTION PROCEEDINGS.**"

I bought my first rental property over 30 years ago and I've had hundreds of tenants. While I have had about a dozen evictions over the years I never entered into one lightly. Evictions cost landlords thousands of dollars in lost rent and attorney's fees. If my worst tenants are allowed to have state provided (free to them) legal counsel then I demand the same for all landlords. When someone robs you on the street the police and state attorneys prosecute the perpetrator for free. Why when someone robs you in one of your own properties do you have to hire a lawyer on your own?(Since I own many of my properties in an LLC I am forced to hire an attorney and not allowed to perform the eviction myself). And if this bill passes, I would be forced to hire a lawyer while the person who robbed me gets free legal counsel? Not fair.

Thank you,
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