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Comment:

I support the changes to MCR 4.201, the eviction case court rule, that the Supreme Court has proposed. I encourage you to adopt these changes. As a practicing clinical social worker and as a current tenant I believe our housing system can do better in supporting tenants' well-being rather than landlords' profit interests. As it currently exists our housing system exploits tenants and disproportionately impacts marginalized communities.

These changes do not go far enough, but they give tenants more time and information during an unprecedented housing crisis. I support the use of remote technology and pre-trials in eviction proceedings. I support MCR 4.201 (B)(3)(c) because landlords should be required to follow the law if they want to leverage the court to evict tenants. Disregard the landlord industry's harmful comments, adopt the proposed changes, and do everything in your power to protect the rights and lives of tenants.