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Good afternoon,

I highly encourage you to adopt the changes to MCR 4.201 that the Supreme Court has proposed. Eviction is a traumatic experience that not only displaces people from their homes, but lingers on their record, making it a systemic harm to our communities. What's more, eviction is disproportionately levied on poor renters of color, especially Black women and children. We already know that the rights of tenants are routinely violated due to a lack of time, information, and legal representation. While the court's changes don't go far enough to rectify the unjust situation, they at least give tenants more information and time to try and address their situation. The use of remote technology and pre-trials in eviction proceedings, and the requirement that landlords provide personal service if they want an immediate default judgment are changes that should not be bound to crisis - these are good and basic accommodations that all tenants facing eviction deserve.

Lastly, it is incumbent upon the courts to weigh the received comments appropriately, noticing that landlords have far more organized power to lobby their interests, whereas poor renters and disproportionately impacted tenants may not have the time and money to make their case in as many numbers as landlords have. That does not make the public interest any less important. If anything, this is a moment that the courts can acknowledge that the public interest is being buried by the rich opposition, and that it is of utmost importance to protect the rights and lives of tenants.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Respectfully,
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