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Comment:

I am writing in support of the changes to MCR 4.201, the eviction case court rule, that the Supreme Court has proposed.

This proposed rule, by informing tenants of available housing resources and allowing them more time to access their right to legal counsel and/or search for new housing, will reduce evictions and avoid the cascading harm they cause in our communities.

This rule could have significant benefits for cities like Detroit, where eviction filing rates are high, the occurrence of default judgements is high, attorney representation of tenants is low, and too often landlords do not comply with local health and safety codes. The proposed court rule amendments can better ensure basic tenant protections.

Within its authority, the Court is giving some basic consideration to the fact that Michigan and the entire country are in a rental housing crisis.

Please approve the proposed changes and take all actions within your power to protect the rights and lives of tenants.

Sincerely,  
Julia Sosin