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To: Michigan Supreme Court
From: Detroit Lead Parent Advocacy Group/DLEAD
RE: Comments on Proposed Amendments of Administrative Order No.2020-17 and MCR 4.201

We represent parents, grandparents, and community leaders who work to prevent lead poisoning in Detroit children. Lead poisoning continues to create severe consequences to the successful cognitive development of young children, many of whom live in rental properties.

We strongly support the amendments proposed. Each of the changes suggested move Michigan to creating a more fair and equitable system during the eviction process.

Tenants, who are most often in desperate situations, need the time and tools available to allow them to find counsel and access rental assistance resources.

In addition, we strongly support the amendment mandating that landlords must allege that they are in compliance with applicable state/local health and safety laws. This assures that ordinances mandating health and safety, including lead-safe dwellings, exist in our community. We hope that in future amendment we can add the language "must PROVE" as opposed to current language "must assert".

Evicting a family, with virtually no notice and no assistance, further tears at the fabric of our community. And, it disproportionaty impacts children. Families all over Michigan are struggling and these changes provide an important step towards protecting the rights of our most vulnerable citizens. Please enact these important and timely changes.

Signed on behalf of DLEAD Membership Group
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