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Comment:

These proposed amendments to MCR 4.201 seem one-sided and unfair. Landlords who risk their livelihood and invest their time and money to provide rental housing should have the right to evict tenants who are not paying in a timely manner. Adding additional complexities to the process hurt the average landlord most, who is less sophisticated and is not likely in a position to pay their mortgage and expenses for the extended times this proposals recommends. While the tenants can easily extend an eviction where they are not paying, landlords cannot as easily stop paying taxes, insurance and other expenses they have on the property. This proposal weakens Michigan as a place where investors want to invest. Passing more power to the tenants will result in investment dollars going elsewhere outside of Michigan and it will weaken the landlords who are already here and trying to help fill the growing need for housing.