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Comment:

I, Amelia Duran, 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. [Talk about your experience with/what you know about eviction or court, as a tenant trying to understand or protect your rights; the harm eviction has inflicted on you/your family/community, especially as it relates to the legal process being very fast, people not knowing their rights, and people being evicted by landlords who do not make repairs or comply with health and safety codes]. 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 [comment on why you think this is important]. 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. [talk about any experience you have had with slum landlords moving to evict you, housing conditions you faced but you could not hold your landlord accountable for through the courts]. 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.

Amelia Duran