

Name: Marie LeRoy

Date: 10/24/2022

ADM File Number: 2020-08

Comment:

Dear Office of Administrative Counsel:

The impact of Administrative Order 2020-17 (AO 2020-17) has adversely impacted the residential rental industry in Michigan in a manner that reduces the availability of affordable housing by allowing tenants to occupy property without paying rent for up to a year. Although we understand the Michigan Supreme Court's goal of showing empathy to those who could not afford to pay rent due to hardships related to COVID-19, residents have weaponized the new process to avoid contractual obligations even when they have the financial ability to pay rent. The Court should decline to make AO 2020-17 permanent and should instead follow the Summary Proceedings Act and Michigan Court Rules that have been in place for decades before AO 2020-17.

Sincerely,

Marie LeRoy