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Comment:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed amendments to MCR 4.201. As a law student volunteering in Washtenaw County Eviction Court, I have seen the harm eviction does to Michiganders. Extending the timeline of these proceedings gives tenants a chance defend themselves from eviction and its devastating consequences. Eviction hurts families and the communities they live in-- giving tenants more time to learn about their rights and defend themselves is a step towards building stronger Michigan neighborhoods for all of us. Eviction proceedings move much faster than other types of court cases, despite their incredibly high stakes. The court is well within its authority to give consideration to the harsh conditions in the current housing market and give tenants time to adequately prepare for eviction proceedings.