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Comment:

I, Meghan McGowan, 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. Eviction is a horrifying practice that has lasting effects for people emotionally and financially. We all deserve housing and we all need to fight for our neighbors to remain in their homes.

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. 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. We need to put people over profit and it is our courts' responsibility to ensure that slum landlords cannot kick people out of their homes. 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.