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Comment:

I 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. I have rented the same house for the last five years, with ownership changing hands to a large local property management company two years ago. Our requests continually go unnoticed-- most recently our heating has been erratic, with the house getting down to below 50 degrees F some nights. This is unsafe, and we have reached out through multiple channels multiple times but there is no accountability until we threaten to withhold rent. Even then we are met with threats of fines and not renewing our lease. We want to pay our rent! But we also need heat, and to be heard by the landlords but in our current system, landlords are not accountable to their tenants or incentivized to act promptly and thoroughly to people to live safely in their properties.