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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. As a tenant, I have personally experienced instances in which my landlords have been unresponsive and allowed for unsafe/unhealthy living situations. Housing is a basic human need, which affects all aspects of our lives, and tenants must have meaningful protections to prevent exploitation by landlords.

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. 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.