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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. Eviction is a violent process that devastates our communities and disproportionately harms Black women and children. The court's changes do not go nearly 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.

It is disheartening to see how many landlords have commented against these proposed changes. It is clear their interests lie only in making more money, and they do not care about the interests of the marginalized. Please adopt the proposed changes, and do everything else in your power to protect the rights and lives of tenants.