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Comment:

I support the changes to MCR 4.201, the eviction 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. Disregard the landlord industry's extremely harmful comments; they serve their investment interests, not the public's interest. Please adopt the proposed changes, and do everything else in your power to protect the rights and lives of tenants.

This issue matters to me personally because I started out life low income, and I know what it means to struggle. I don't think we should be giving extra protections to the people who already have money and resources, like landlords. The Court process should be fair to low income people.