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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. Our housing system cares more about the profit of landlord's than the well-being of tenants. It is disgusting and so are the comments voicing their distaste for the proposed amendments. I am a current tenant in Michigan who has a landlord that actively ignores my well-being. I have not had heat in my home for a month now and Deinco Properties and Cappel Management have made little effort at fixing the issue. We are also dealing with a mice infestation, yet have not seen a single maintenance worker here to help deal with the issue. My porch is unsafe and tilted and feels like it will collapse at any point.

These are my experiences but I know so many others have it so much worse. Landlords have far too much power. They are also in a position of power over tenant's given that they have more capital. Even a "mom and pop" landlord has more resources than their tenant's and thus inequitable power over their tenant's lives. They need power stripped away before they continue to ruin the lives of working individuals and families. We need more protection now, because we are hurting. Please, help us and support the amendments.

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.