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Comment:

I support the changes to MCR 4.201, the eviction case court rule, that the Supreme Court has proposed. Eviction is a violent process that devastates our communities and disproportionately harms Black women and children. This devastation in turn causes a massive ripple effect that is felt throughout the community. I see it everyday; families displaced from their homes only to be forced into another situation where safety is compromised either on the streets or homeless shelters. We see it everyday and it's only getting worse. The court's changes do not do enough to make the legal process truly fair, 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). I know and have met several families that have been evicted from homes that are dilapidated with maintenance and safety issues unaddressed. Evictions cause long lasting mental and emotional trauma that should be considered. Making these changes may help to prevent and give chance to the tenant to maintain ongoing home security. I come from a background in which my parents were evicted from several rentals when I was a child. Though I was a child, that experience impacted how I move through life as an adult. A family deserves a roof over their heads and the courts should always take that into consideration. Removing the changes will only allow landlords to continue to abuse their power. Enacting change will push landlords to comply with laws that are already in place and promote safer homes. I encourage you to adopt these changes.