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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I oppose H8141. Right now, in Rhode Island, if tenants don't have enough money, they can get free legal help. These lawyers are already helping tenants at the courthouse. Instead of using state money to give free lawyers to every tenant, even those who can pay for their own, maybe we could use the money to offer more free mediation. This would help people who represent themselves in court, both landlords and tenants. It would make things faster, reduce the time spent in court, and even improve relationships between landlords and tenants.

I also consider it unbalanced that a tenant who has the financial means to pay a lawyer would not have to, however, a landlord regardless of their income would be responsible for paying for their own lawyer.

Thank you for considering my points on this bill.

Sincerely,

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