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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

Please do not vote for House Bill 8141.

Providing free attorneys to all tenants, regardless of their financial situation, raises questions of fairness. It could strain existing legal aid resources, potentially delaying assistance for those who truly cannot afford it. Many landlords, including small property owners, would still have to pay for their own legal representation, creating an uneven playing field. I believe focusing on expanding free mediation services for both landlords and tenants would be a more effective and efficient solution.

The "right to counsel" could also prevent evictions due to attorneys being unavailable for any reason. In addition, it creates an unfunded mandate. There is no funding in place to pay for the attorneys.

The mandate for annual data reporting and public disclosure of landlords involved in eviction cases is also troubling. This raises significant privacy concerns and could unfairly stigmatize landlords, even when evictions are justified.

Please do not vote for this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

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