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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 8141. While I believe in ensuring access to legal help, I have serious concerns about this bill's approach.

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.

I am also troubled by the bill's mandate for annual data reporting and public disclosure of landlords involved in eviction cases. This raises significant privacy concerns and could unfairly stigmatize landlords, even when evictions are justified. Such measures could deter landlords from taking necessary legal action and may ultimately lead to a decrease in the availability of rental housing.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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