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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I am against House Bill 8141 for several key reasons. One major concern is that it would give free lawyers to all tenants in housing court. While helping those who can't afford legal aid is important, this bill doesn't consider that many small landlords also struggle financially and would have to pay for their own lawyers. This creates an unfair advantage for one side.

Another problem with the bill is the idea of making a public list of landlords who have filed eviction cases. This feels like an invasion of privacy and could make landlords look bad without the full story being told. It might also make landlords hesitant to deal with problem tenants through the legal system when necessary.

Finally, I worry that this bill could overwhelm the legal aid system. If everyone is entitled to a free lawyer, it could mean longer wait times for both tenants and landlords trying to resolve housing issues. This could slow down the whole process and make things worse for everyone involved.

For all of these reasons, I ask you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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