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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

there are already free lawyers helping tenants who can't afford it. I can not afford one because i am being constantly screwed by a bad tenant. Instead of using state money for free lawyers for all tenants, we suggest focusing on free mediation for both landlords

I oppose H8141. I believe everyone should have access to legal help. However, giving free lawyers to tenants who can afford their own might not be fair to those tenants who cannot afford representation and may have to wait for representation.

It is also worth noting that many landlords are low income and cannot afford representation. Right now, there are already free lawyers helping tenants who can't afford it. Instead of using state money for free lawyers for all tenants, we suggest focusing on free mediation for both landlords and tenants. This would make things faster and help improve relationships between them.

This proposal would most certainly overwhelm legal aid groups who would not have the capacity to handle caseloads. This could negatively affect landlords or tenants waiting for their case to be heard. This would impede speedy trials and impose additional unfair costs on landlords.

I am also against another part of the bill that would make a list of all landlords involved in eviction cases. Making this list public raises privacy concerns and might make landlords look bad without explaining why they had to file evictions. It could also make landlords hesitant to take legal action when needed. Instead, the bill should focus on helping landlords and tenants talk things out and protecting everyone's privacy and rights.

Thank you for listening to my concerns. I hope you'll think about changing the bill to make it better for everyone. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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