

Mr. Chairman, Madame Vice-Chair, Mr. Vice-Chairman, ranking Members, as well as Members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Sherri Woronick, and I'm here to represent my business—Taylor Rental Center located in Plainville, CT as well as to speak on behalf of the other approximate 182 rental store owners, working hard to maintain the operation of their businesses within Connecticut.

We are here regarding Bill #HB5611 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO RETURN RENTAL PROPERTY.

We want to make it clear that our goal is to clarify why this Bill HB5611 would become a positive action toward enabling us to operate our businesses without any additional economic burdens, and it isn't our intention to use the law frivolously.

This issue affects all of us, as store owners; some may be carrying a much larger financial debt, while others may have many debts due to more frequently. This problem, it isn't discriminating, it isn't just the "poor people" that are causing the economic burden, and it originates from all walks of life.

In an odd sense the civil courts have failed us; oh we've been given the judgments of approval that we can and should be paid the money, but we find ourselves more hinder in our attempts to procure better information or even more information regarding the customer, as a means to collect the debt.

Lost revenue to each and every rental stores is also lost revenue for the state of Connecticut. This type of theft will continue to increase in frequency until there is a law enacted to protect Our Right to Do Business, without fear of irretrievable losses.

I urge you to truly think about and discuss, the testimony that we have brought before the committee, especially in consideration of the estimated hundreds of thousand of dollars still owed to many many rental stores.

What we are asking is that we be able to collect that which is rightfully due to us in the most effective manner. Thank you.

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