



## **CONNECTICUT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

### **Response to Proposed Legislation 2006**

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#### **SB-361. AN ACT CONCERNING POSSESSIONS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS OF TENANTS EVICTED FROM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.**

Many years ago, tenants rights organizations enacted laws to protect the personal effects of evicted tenants, who were usually a poorer class of individuals and families.

The judicially equitable overseer of these possessions were deemed to be the various Connecticut towns and municipalities. Now it seems these entities no longer want to bear the cost of such advocacy.

We understand the costs associated with pick-up, storage and auctions because as Plaintiff, **we have already borne great expense to hire marshals and attorneys to take the matter through Connecticut's courts** in order to execute the eviction and take back possession of the tenant's unit.

**Again, we realize a town or municipality may no longer want to function as an advocate for usually poorer individuals or families and their possessions, however, we do not agree that costs now be transferred back to a property owner.**

**CPOA is in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, representing smaller landlords and property owner's from around the state of Connecticut.**

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