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TESTIMONY OF
THE CONNECTICUT COALITION OF PROPERTY OWNERS
BEFORE
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Good afternoon, my name is Marshall R. Collins. I am the Counsel for Government Relations for the Connecticut Coalition of Property Owners ("CTCPO"). I am here today to testify regarding:

Senate Bill 36 AAC Eviction For Illegal Drug Or Firearm Sales Or Possession

The Connecticut Coalition of Property Owners is the largest landlord organization in Connecticut and has several chapters, including the:

- Bridgeport Property Owners' Association,
- Greater Hartford Property Owners' Association,
- Stamford Property Owners' Association, and the
- Connecticut Association of Real Estate Investors.

Collectively, we represent more than 20,000 rental units in Connecticut.

CTCPO strongly supports *SB 36*.

SB 36 would facilitate the eviction of tenants involved in the illegal sale or possession of illegal drugs or firearms. The bill takes a necessary step towards making the residences of our citizens safer.

In summary, this is a tenant's protection bill. It is a necessary step that is long overdue. The Connecticut Coalition of Property Owners urges all members of the Judiciary Committee to favorably report this bill.

This completes my testimony. Thank you for your consideration.