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Testimony For Bill 36 AN ACT CONCERNING EVICTION FOR ILLEGAL DRUG OR FIREARM SALES OR POSSESSION.

The Connecticut Apartment Association (CTAA), the state chapter of the National Apartment Association, represents 25,000 units, the largest number of apartments represented by any association in the state. The National Apartment Association represents more than 5.2 million apartment homes throughout the United States and Canada. The CTAA **strongly supports Raised Bill 36** because it helps empower property owners to evict residents that constitute a serious nuisance and/or danger to rental communities.

In choosing to rent, people depend on landlords to maintain a safe, crime-free environment as is reasonably possible. Individuals found guilty of possessing and/or selling drugs and/or firearms constitute a clear and present danger to rental communities and need to be removed as quickly as possible. Some 30 percent of households in Connecticut are renters, so a large portion of the state's residents live where a secure living environment needs to be overseen and protected by their property owners.

Section one of Bill No. 36 empowers property owners to bypass normal, lengthy judicial procedures and quickly evict criminals guilty of possessing and/or selling drugs and/or firearms. This helps to protect the living environment of around one million Connecticut residents that live in rented dwellings. This is in the interest of both property owners and renters.

Accordingly, the CTAA *strongly supports* Bill 36!

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